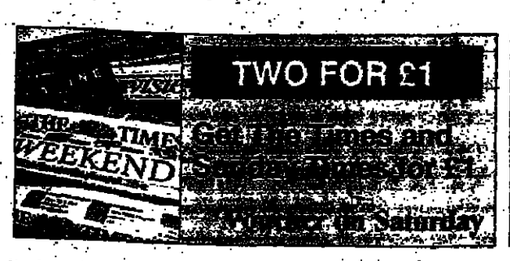
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BR chief warns of 'radical change'

Rail strikers threatened with sacking

BY PHILIP BASSETT AND NICHOLAS WOOD

STRIKING signal staff were warned last night that they faced dismissal unless they return to work. The warning from rail chiefs came as passengers struggled with another 24-hour national rail stoppage and the eighth week of disruptions.

Senior ministers privately backed the tougher stance, while publicly insisting that it was up to the rail management to solve the dispute.

As yet another strike started at noon yesterday, Sir Bob Reid, the chairman of British Rail, and Robert Horton, the chairman of Railtrack, raised the stakes. For the first time, they suggested that the entire workforce might be dismissed and that staff who were prepared to accept a restructuring of working practices would be re-employed on individual contracts.

Well-placed government sources delivered a warning, however, that if Railtrack took a hard line with its 2,700 signal staff, it would have to ensure it had sufficient manpower in reserve to avoid a permanent rail shutdown. It was pointed out that when President Reagan sacked striking air traffic controllers in the United States, he was able to keep planes flying by immediately bringing in controllers trained by the military.

Mass sackings would infuriate the Rail, Maritime and Transport Union, sharply politicise the dispute and prove a big test for Brian Mawhinney, the new Transport Secretary.

"If you are going to pick a fight of that dimension you must be damn sure you will win. There will no tears shed as far as the rail union is concerned, and if they [the rail management] could bring it off it would be considered very desirable," one source said. "But it's crucial that such a move works. What cannot be contemplated is the entire system being shut down permanently."

The chairman of BR — which operates the trains on the rail system — said the "staffing of the industry will have to be re-examined". When asked on BBC Radio whether he meant dismissing the strikers, Sir Bob replied: "Yes. That becomes a very serious situation. That is what it's drifting towards."



Sir Bob: "Staffing will have to be re-examined"

While Sir Bob insisted that sackings were not inevitable, he said: "You can't run a railway missing three days out of seven, and that's what we are into. That will force radical change."

The BR chairman was referring to the RMT rail union's three-day strike plan for next week. It has called a 24-hour disruption on August 12 to be followed by a 48-hour stoppage on August 15 and 16.

Mr Horton was asked on BBC Radio whether everybody would be dismissed and rehired on new contracts. He said: "I certainly hope not, because I hope the signalmen themselves will bring this strike to an end. But, of course," he added, "there are some options that are open to us of a very serious nature ... It is certainly an option, but it's not one I want to contemplate at the moment."

Political sources said if the rail network was still being crippled next month, when many commuters will have returned from their holidays, rail managers would be forced to take a tougher stand. They were adamant that Railtrack could not breach the Government's public-sector pay policy and agree to what ministers regard as an 11 per cent increase without strings.

BR said last night that it had managed to run about a third of its normal 15,000 train services during the strike, which will end shortly before RMT leaders declare the result of a ballot of signal supervisors. The union is confident the supervisors will vote to join the signal staff. Such a move would severely restrict BR's ability to run services on future strike days.

In a letter to Jimmy Knapp, the general secretary of RMT, Sir Bob attacked the "new atmosphere of bitterness and recrimination" from both Railtrack and the union following the collapse of efforts to reach a negotiated settlement. Extending the industrial action further would, he said, be "hugely destructive", and it would be "devastating" if this was to "degenerate into outright confrontation".

The BR chairman urged the union to suspend its strikes while it held another ballot of signal staff on Railtrack's current pay and productivity offer. RMT leaders are unlikely to take up the proposal.

Sir Bob dismissed as an irrelevance Mr Horton's offer yesterday to give to charity the difference between his salary and that of Mr Knapp if that would help solve the dispute. Mr Horton is paid £121,800 for a three-day week, while Mr Knapp earns £46,000 for a five-day week. The RMT leader, who yesterday returned hurriedly from an international union conference in Geneva, also dismissed the idea.

Mr Knapp said yesterday that Railtrack must reinstate its original 5.7 per cent offer before talks can restart. Mr Horton said, however, that there had never been a 5.7 per cent offer and he quoted a letter Mr Knapp had written on June 10 which, the Railtrack chairman said, acknowledged the fact.

"There is additional money on the table, a considerable amount of additional money on the table, if only we can sit down and discuss the issue as a whole," he said. The total package would amount to between 13 per cent and 26 per cent on basic pay.

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SAIFUL ISLAM/AP



Taslima Nasreen, heading back into hiding after her court appearance yesterday

Writer beats extremists to win bail

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DHAKA

TASLIMA Nasreen, the Bangladeshi writer in hiding for two months because of death threats from fundamentalist Muslims, surrendered to Dhaka High Court yesterday and applied successfully for bail. She hurried off amid intense security to her flat, and then back into hiding.

It was all over before the extremists who have vowed to assassinate her for insulting Islam knew what was happening. She is now free to move around and even to go abroad.

Looking pale and worried, she entered the courtroom flanked by lawyers headed by Dr Kamal Hossain, a former Foreign Minister. She said: "I was afraid of surrendering because of the death threats. I can say nothing more."

The cloak-and-dagger operation was not without political farce. Aminul Huq, the Attorney-General, his heart most definitely not in it, opposed the bail application on the government's behalf. This was a required piece of theatre, since the government, which initiated the charges that she had offended Muslim religious sentiment, has changed tack and wants Ms Nasreen to be free to come and go, preferably to go. Dhaka High Court, taking the government's meek protests for what they were, granted bail with token sureties of 10,000 takas (£166).

Ms Nasreen's departure abroad would give the government time to defuse the controversy. There is deep anxiety that Bangladesh's reputation has been sullied by the Western media giving the impression that Islamic fundamentalists are an unstoppable force. Certainly the extremists are unpopular, and nowhere near being able to take over: but they do wield immense powers of intimidation. Ms Nasreen's lawyers said that she would stay under cover until the depth of their ire could be assessed.

The legal proceedings, conducted with uncommon haste for security reasons, took two-and-a-half hours. But Ms Nasreen was allowed to leave before they were over, for fear that extremists would assemble to chant the familiar "hang Taslima" refrain. Dr Hossain said she denied the main allegation, that she had told a journalist that the Koran needed to be "revised".

The two judges said that she will not have to appear in magistrates' court when the trial begins today.

Top doctors describe NHS reforms as inequitable

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

FOUR senior figures in the medical establishment write separately to *The Times* today to express their support for a fundamental examination of the future of the NHS.

The four — three presidents and former presidents of royal medical colleges and a former permanent secretary at the Department of Health — say that as the pressure for the rationing of healthcare grows, the NHS must stay loyal to its principle that all patients are treated equally.

Writing in response to the formation of Healthcare 2000, a group set up under the chairmanship of Professor Sir Duncan Nichol, former chief executive of the NHS, and announced exclusively in *The Times* last week, the four welcome the group's plan to consider how the NHS should respond to the conflict between rising demands and limited resources. They question, however, whether the resources are being distributed equitably.

Sir Patrick Nairne, former permanent secretary at the health department, says there is an "ethical need to regard the life of every NHS patient as of equal value".

He continues: "It is for the individual doctor to reach a clinical decision on what treatment is best for each patient. But how and when the patient receives treatment will depend on the NHS system within which the doctor has to work and the forum [Healthcare 2000] will need to assess whether the systems of the reformed NHS are meeting the ethical need."

Sir Terence English, former president of the Royal College of Surgeons and president-elect of the British Medical Association, says doctors are "regularly exposed to the inequities of a system in which clinical priority is being distorted by the vagaries of different purchasing policies by commissioning authorities, and the lottery of whether a patient comes from a fundholding practice".

Professor Sir Leslie Turnberg, president of the Royal College of Physicians, says there is a "need to ensure that within the NHS care for patients is provided equitably" and promises to contribute to the debate initiated by Sir Duncan.

Sir Raymond Hoffenberg, immediate past president of the college, says, however, that the debate has come too late. "Why didn't this take place five years ago before Mrs Thatcher so precipitately introduced her drastic and damaging so-called reforms?

"Instead of 'get ready, take aim, fire,' the Government chose 'get ready, fire, take aim'. Exactly who has benefited from the reforms?" he asks.

Sir Raymond says that if NHS spending was raised to the average for all countries in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development "we could defer the need for serious rationing for a very long time indeed".



Sir Terence: clinical decisions distorted

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Law results

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Navy sent to join fish wars

BY ANDREW PIERCE

THE Navy was sent last night to protect British trawlermen who came under attack from militant Spanish fishermen.

Six English trawlers were fishing for tuna 400 miles southwest of Land's End when they were surrounded by 11 Spanish trawlers who accused them of illegal fishing. Martin Jones, skipper of the Newlyn-based *Pilot Star*, said: "They were shouting, waving and threatening us. They grappled and cut our gear; it was very frightening."

After radio appeals for help the naval protection vessel *HMS Anglesey* was sent to the area in the Bay of Biscay.

The clash comes only a week after 6,000 British holidaymakers had their ferry crossings to Spain disrupted by a blockade of Spanish fishermen involved in a dispute with French rivals.

Michael Jack, the agriculture minister, is being kept informed. Mr David Harris, Tory MP for St Ives, said: "It is very serious; this is nothing short of violent intimidation."

Ashdown snubs Gang of Four call to join Blair

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A DAMAGING rift surfaced in the Liberal Democrat Party yesterday as Paddy Ashdown snubbed calls from founding members of the Social Democratic Party to establish closer links with a Labour Party led by Tony Blair.

The Liberal Democrat leader made clear that he intended to maintain the party's neutrality and continue to do business with both the Conservatives and the Labour Party.

Over the last few days, three members of the Gang of Four, who set up the Social Democratic Party in 1981 and are now Liberal Democrat peers, have called for closer co-operation between the two main Opposition parties. They have also suggested that Mr Blair would make a better prime minister than John Major.

Baroness Williams of Crosby has argued that the Liberal Democrats should work with Labour on a common agenda to get rid of the Tories. Lord Jenkins of Hillhead has also called on Mr Ashdown to work more closely with Mr Blair. Yesterday Lord Rodgers of Quarry Bank described Tony Blair as "the man for the second half of the 1990s and a very significant break from Labour's past".

He admitted that at best the Liberal Democrat Party would only be the junior partner in any future Labour-led coalition government.

Mr Ashdown however, clearly rattled by the remarks from the Gang of Four, insisted that Mr Blair's election would make no difference to his strategy. He described him as a man of extreme ability and talent, but suggested that the "Blair factor" was exaggerated.

"If a dog barks in the Middle East, they say British intelligence is behind it. If anything happens anywhere on the political scene, it must be due to Tony Blair. But politics, and life, goes on, and not everything that happens is due to one single — if important — event."

He pointed out that the two parties were already working closely. David Marquand, a leading Liberal Democrat academic, is a member of Labour's Social Justice Commission, and Frank Field, Labour MP for Birkenhead, is a member of the Liberal Democrat Dahrendorf commission on the economy.

Mr Ashdown made clear, however, that the Labour Party would be treated in the same way as the Tories.

"I am in favour of greater co-operation with all parties," he said, insisting that he could "do business with all sorts of people in politics".

Last year he had helped John Major get through the Maastricht Bill and he had been "in and out" of the office of Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, over the past week.

Mr Blair has made clear in the past that he is not in favour of any pre-electoral pacts. Yesterday, a senior Labour leadership source said Mr

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French killed in Algiers

Three French policemen and two consular officials were shot dead in Algiers in an attempt, presumed to be by Muslim fundamentalists, to blow up a block of flats housing 70 French Embassy staff. Since September 56 foreigners have died in Muslim attempts to destabilise the military-dominated government..... Page 12

Yacht owner wins battle for £4.5m

John Millar, 91, a member of the Royal Yacht Squadron for 40 years who sold the family silver and art collection to finance a nine-year legal battle with Lloyd's over an insurance claim for his storm-damaged yacht, has won £4.5 million compensation in the American courts..... Page 3

Queen Mother 94

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will today celebrate her 94th birthday with a new portrait by Lord Snowdon. It is likely that she will appear at the gate of Clarence House, her London home, at about noon to receive good wishes and bouquets..... Page 5

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The rail chief and the union leader: so near yet so far apart


Horton: private sector champion

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

TO THE long-suffering travelling public, the leading protagonists in the rail dispute appear remarkably similar. Both Robert Horton and Jimmy Knapp seem completely intractable, each endlessly saying they are ready to negotiate, neither making much of a move when negotiations loom.

The Railtrack chairman and the RMT general secretray each insists that his own position — the union's 11 per cent interim claim, Railtrack's restructuring package — must form the basis of a deal, and accordingly there is no deal in sight. And each claims to be the real guardian of the future of Britain's railways, Mr Knapp backing the values of public service, Mr Horton championing private sector methods.

In some respects, however, they could hardly be more different. Mr Horton, 54, is a smooth, American-influenced former oil company boss, with straightforward managerial expectations that his orders will be obeyed. Mr Knapp, 53 and tired of being told he looks 10 years older, is the upright model of a traditional trade union official, whose Ayrshire accent and rumbling voice are all but incomprehensible to the ears of southern English commuters.

At £121,800 for a three-day week, Mr Horton's salary is close to three times Mr Knapp's £46,000 (for a five-day week).

In the lengthy slugging match the signalworkers' dispute has become, the two men have had little contact. They have brushed against each other changing places at the Commons committee hearings on the dispute, talked occasionally on the phone and at meetings. Both have largely left making the running to their negotiating teams, although both have closely monitored every stage of the dispute.

In the public's view, Mr Horton has yet to recover from offering the signalworkers 5.7 per cent, withdrawing it at the hand of the Government and now offering less than he was once prepared to. The RMT's small but deft publicity machine likes to paint him as the willing prisoner of a Government bent on privatisating the railways.

Mr Knapp is held up as a trade union dinosaur — "Jurassic Jimmy" has more than once made newspaper headlines — hanging on to outdated practices while the world has moved on. Railtrack's much larger publicity operation likes to paint him as the unhappy prisoner of a hard left-dominated RMT executive committee.

As a trade union pragmatist, Mr Knapp is certainly to the right of some on his executive, but no less determined to stand by what he firmly believes is the publicly-supported signalworkers' case.

With considerable cause, Mr Horton is charged with arrogance, although that is tempered by his widely-acknowledged managerial ability, honed in 35 years at BP. Oddly enough for a man whose political analysis is both sweeping and cogent, his political touch in the dispute has looked unsure, with the David of the RMT repeatedly outplaying the Goliath of Railtrack.

In some ways, the two men resemble the key protagonists of the miners' strike of a decade ago, Arthur Scargill and Ian MacGregor. Mr Scargill, a friend of Mr Knapp's, lost and is still at the helm of the NUM. Mr MacGregor won but is long gone from the coal industry. The real worry now is that, like the coal industry, it will be the railway industry which turns out to be the real loser.

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Knapp: backing a public service

Hanley draws up conference blueprint for a Tory revival

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JEREMY Hanley, the Tory chairman, is to ask senior ministers to make a new era of rising prosperity, lower taxes and falling unemployment the centrepiece of their propaganda offensive at the party conference in October.

Their message will be that with a sustainable economic recovery under way, disenchanted former supporters can look forward to rising living standards.

Ministers will also be expected to turn their guns on Tony Blair, the Labour leader, only a week after his victory parade before the Labour conference in Brighton.

While the Tories will refrain from overt personal attacks, Mr Blair will be subjected to "gentle mockery", reminded of his past and present support for left-wing policies such as higher spending and a minimum wage, and derided as a frontman for backstage militants biding their time before revealing their true colours in a future Labour government.

After a series of strategy meetings with his advisers at Central Office, Mr Hanley has drawn up a blueprint for recapturing the political initiative and warding off the electoral threat posed by a resurgent Labour Party led by Mr Blair.

Details of the counter-offensive are to be presented to ministers on their return to Whitehall early next month after Mr Hanley has discussed it with John Major. The core of the new approach will be a concerted attempt by ministers to establish "clear water" between the Government and Labour.

The Bournemouth conference will fall at almost exactly the mid-point of a five-year Parliament and ministers will be asked to strike an upbeat note, presenting the next two and a half years as a time for the country increasingly to "reap the rewards" of sacrifices made during the recession.

Underlying Mr Hanley's game-plan is a tacit acceptance that the next election will not be held until 1997. One insider said yesterday: "We need that long to enable the public to forget and forgive the last two years. And by that time, Mr Blair will no longer be a fresh-faced 41-year-old, but a rather stale 44-year-old."

Ministers' speeches will be expected to set out clearly the achievements of the first half of the Parliament and the way they were persistently opposed by Labour.

But, more importantly, they will focus on their plans for the rest of the Parliament, setting out existing policy commitments and brightening their agendas with new ideas. Again, in an attempt to sharpen the political divide with Mr Blair, they will emphasise how Labour would obstruct and oppose popular policies in areas such as getting the jobless back to work, injecting more private finance into big construction projects, giving parents and patients more power over schools and hospitals, and cutting taxes.

Senior Tories say direct parallels cannot be drawn between this October's gathering of the faithful in Bournemouth and the one eight years ago that dramatically restored Margaret Thatcher's fortunes under the banner "The Next Moves Forward" after the Westland debacle.

They point out that that conference was held within a few months of the 1987 election and enabled ministers to concentrate on their plans for the forthcoming Tory manifesto.

However, Mr Hanley, who has spoken of bringing fun and enthusiasm back into Tory politics, wants the conference to strike a positive note by pointing to better times ahead on the back of a strengthening economic recovery.

He wants the Tory conference to give "guidance and direction" to the Government's agenda by highlighting the way its existing and new policies remain in tune with popular sentiment.

☐ Independent schools nervous of a Labour victory are hoping to give private schools a more powerful political voice by attracting a mass membership to a new campaigning organisation, Friends of Independent Schools.


Hanley: planning a counter-offensive

£1m hoard of reptiles seized

BY A STAFF REPORTER

MORE than a hundred reptiles and spiders worth over £1 million were seized by Customs officials at a home in Wales yesterday.

It is believed that the creatures, which include snakes, lizards, baby alligators and tarantula spiders, were due to be shipped across Europe to collectors after being brought into Britain from Pakistan.

Two men in their 30s were arrested and are being questioned about the illegal importation of endangered species.

Customs officers who raided a house in Canton, Cardiff, found a garden shed had been converted into a warehouse. A wall was painted with scenes showing dinosaurs from the film *Jurassic Park*.

Donna Murphy, 31, a neighbour, said: "This is a terrible shock. My flat looks over the shed where all those horrible snakes and spiders were being kept. I sat in the garden listening to crickets — but I never realised they were being used to feed the reptiles."

Jim Caldwell, a spokesman for Customs and Excise, said it was a significant find. "There were between 100 and 150 reptiles in the shed, which were due to be sold across Europe. Between 30 per cent and 40 per cent were endangered species covered by international legal convention. Offences carry heavy penalties."

The Customs raid in Cardiff came after a similar operation at Heathrow airport a week ago. More than a hundred reptiles, many of them young and small, were seized when they came through as cargo.

The animals confiscated yesterday were checked by vets in zoos and quarantine centres and are being cared for by experts.

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JAMIE CARSTAIRS


Paddy Ashdown yesterday rejected calls for closer links with Labour, suggesting that perhaps the "Blair factor" was exaggerated

Ashdown snubs Gang of Four call

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Blair was not into "backroom deals" and would not go out of his way to court Liberal Democrat MPs.

He revealed that membership of the Labour Party has increased by 10,000 over the last weeks of the Labour leadership campaign, with 2,500 joining after Mr Blair became leader.

He said: "The political landscape is changing and with it the prospects for the left of centre in British politics." The Liberal Democrat peers have reflected growing concern within the party that Mr Ashdown is not pursuing the right strategy in relation to Labour.

Mr Ashdown recently used a keynote speech to point out the differences between his party and Labour. But several MPs now privately agree that the Labour Party's policies are very similar to those of the Liberal Democrats, with whom the SDP merged.

Lord Rodgers stressed he would not rejoin Labour, but repeated his wish that Mr Blair would win the next election.

"I think all the indications are that Tony Blair could be a good Prime Minister, give the country the leadership it needs and have the authority that John Major desperately lacks," Lord Rodgers told BBC Radio 4's *World At One* programme.

Lord Rodgers said the new Labour leader was far ahead of his party. "There is a gap between the leader and the party ... even Tony Blair is beholden to the rank and file to conference and the trade unions."

Robert Maclennan, who is contesting the Liberal Democrat presidency, said it was "understandable, after such a long time in Opposition" that people wanted the Labour Party to come right. However, he said Labour had shown the "same kind of arrogance in office as the Conservative Party in Whitehall."

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Community care targets to be set

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

LOCAL authorities are to set targets for the provision of community care, Virginia Bottomley has announced.

Local community care charters, to be introduced by social services departments, will set time limits for assessing needs and providing services to elderly, disabled and mentally ill people. They will also set standards such as the right to choose an old people's home and choice of activities in day-care centres.

The charters are intended to ensure that people know what services they are entitled to and where to go for help. The Health Secretary said the targets would be set locally, to ensure they were realistic.

"The purpose of the community charters approach is to ensure that services are not imposed by bureaucrats but are driven by users of the services," she said. "However, the standards have got to be achievable. It is no good imposing standards or creating rights that distort the other priorities of local authorities." One area might want to spend more on housing; another might want to put more into respite care.

Launching a proposed framework for the local charters, which is out for consultation until October, Mrs Bottomley said they should include a commitment to providing full and accurate information, in plain language, about services and a complaints procedure.

She said individuals had a right to have their needs assessed and to be told the outcome but she appeared to acknowledge that there could be a gap between their needs and what the local authority could provide. The level of services would depend on "what is achievable within the local authority", she said.

☐ Two out of three people believe the National Health Service has deteriorated in the past ten years. One in ten believes the Government's policies have improved the NHS, according to a survey by market researchers Key Note.

IRA blast injures soldiers

BY NICHOLAS WATT
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THREE soldiers were injured yesterday when an IRA mortar exploded in an army and police base in Newtownhamilton, Co Armagh. Twenty shops and houses in the village were damaged.

A senior police officer said the attack was "murderous in its intent" with disregard for the lives of local people.

Seamus Mallon, SDLP MP for Newry and South Armagh, said the bombers were trying to destroy the peace process. "Those who carried out this attack and those who planned it must know that the vast majority of people are craving for peace in Northern Ireland," he said.

"To demolish that peace every time they demolish a building is ... an assault on the rights of everybody."

The attack came as the Ulster Freedom Fighters launched attacks in Belfast in revenge for the IRA murder of two Loyalists on Sunday. Two workmen escaped injury when UFF gunmen shot at their car in the centre of Belfast at 7.30am yesterday. Earlier, three people escaped when UFF gunmen fired through the window of a house in north Belfast.

☐ A Royal Irish Regiment soldier was charged in Belfast yesterday with passing information to the UFF.

Private Darren George Millen, 19, based at Palace Barracks, Holywood, Co Down, was charged with

Jason Allen Proctor, 19, from Dunmurry, outside Belfast.

They were remanded in custody until August 26. Their solicitor said they would be pleading not guilty.

Cambodia hostages appeal for help

Three tourists being held for ransom in Cambodia by Khmer Rouge guerrillas said in a taped message released yesterday that they were hoping for help because conditions were difficult. Mark Slater, 28, from Corby, Northamptonshire, gave his name, age and nationality and a brief description of how they were captured on July 26.

He added: "The condition is difficult for us. Don't listen to the government, just do what you feel." Mr Slater was last seen alive on Saturday with Frenchman Jean-Michel Braquet, 28, and Australian David Wilson, 29. The tape and photographs of the three were brought by an intermediary from the guerrilla stronghold in southern Kampot province.

West switches solicitor

Frederick West, who is accused of 12 murders, yesterday parted company with Howard Ogden, his solicitor. Bobbetts MacKan, a firm of solicitors in Bristol, later confirmed that it now represents the 52-year-old Gloucester builder. Mr Ogden, who has a one-man business in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, has represented Mr West for the past five months. The appointment of new solicitors is likely to delay the committal process, which was due later this year.

Late witnesses jailed

Two men who were due to be prosecution witnesses were jailed yesterday for six weeks by Judge Ronald Moss for keeping Luton Crown Court waiting on two days. Michael Nailor, 34, and Russell Carter, 35, both of Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, said they ran out of petrol one day and on the second occasion failed to meet for a lift.

Lawyers face eviction

Bailiffs have been sent into Yosefaly Serugo-Lugo, Britain's first black barristers' chambers, to evict 14 lawyers for non-payment of rent. Arrears reached £36,000 and, with costs from two unsuccessful attempts to set aside a judgment for recovery obtained in May, the Inn is owed £43,000, Capt Malcolm Carver, under-treasurer of Lincoln's Inn, said.

Man sucked out of train

A group of civil servants returning from a day trip to Brighton yesterday saw a colleague sucked out of a guard's van to his death. Adam Sorensen, 26, was trying to work out which way the door opened on the 17.50 to Victoria. He was sucked out of the van into the path of a passing train at Wivelsfield, East Sussex.

Why a Rolls-Royce is the diplomatic choice

BY KEVIN EASON
MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

THE news that Rolls-Royces are to be retained for nine British ambassadors around the world has no doubt deepened the envy of diplomats working in London whose countries make little more than humble runabouts.

For while diplomats must travel in style and security, they should also be in the national product. In the United States, that means being transported in a stretched limousine the length of a house. For the British it should be a Rolls. The Foreign Office said yesterday that Rolls-Royce offered "a good deal", while adding: "The cars are also a shop window for Britain."

Such reasoning would do little to cheer Karel Kühnl, ambassador to the Czech Republic, home of the Skoda. He would be forever travelling in a small hatchback. Instead, he is driven in a £30,000 black BMW 730i.

Ambassadors from our biggest European competitors — Italy, Germany and France — fly the flag for their domestic industries. The French have their Peugeot 605, a £30,000 car chosen by hundreds of company managers. The Italians have the Lancia Thema, unfortunately not much use as an advertisement as Lancias were withdrawn in Britain this year because of poor sales.

The Germans are the most successful makers of diplomatic cars, with an office in the West End of London that handles about 160 orders a year.

As well as the German ambassador's £55,000 S420 limousine, there are about 300 Mercedes in full-time diplomatic use in London. The most costly are usually bought by Middle Eastern or Far Eastern embassies.

Jaguar, which provides the £56,000 stretched Daimler Majestic for John Major, has also won business from embassies, including South Africa, Nigeria and Russia.

But Japan, though often hailed as the world's greatest carmaking nation, has overlooked its own products for ferrying its dignitaries. When Emperor Akihito was enthroned in 1989, he travelled in a Rolls-Royce Corniche. The message reached London, where the ambassadorial car is not a Nissan but a Bentley Brooklands.

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'They dodged, hoping I was going to drop dead ... I would never insure with them again'

Yachtsman wins £4.5m in legal battle with Lloyd's

BY RICHARD DUCE

A MILLIONAIRE who sold off the family silver and art collection to finance a nine-year legal battle with Lloyd's over an insurance claim for his storm-damaged yacht has won £4.5 million compensation in the American courts.

John Millar, 91, a member of the Royal Yacht Squadron for 40 years, said yesterday: "They dodged and dodged, hoping I was going to drop dead."

Mr Millar, who also mortgaged his farmhouse home in France and took in bed-and-breakfast guests to raise funds, will keep only a third of the award because the rest has been eaten away by the costs of an action that started in 1985.

He said his belief in Lloyd's as an upright institution with a 300-year reputation for settling claims quickly had been destroyed by its actions after his £2.3 million American-built yacht *Centurion* was badly damaged off Lisbon.

The US Supreme Court has finally ruled that a £4.5 million award made by a jury in Florida two years ago should no longer be witheld and that there can be no further appeal by a conglomerate of Lloyd's syndicates and other insurers who arranged Mr Millar's annual £36,000 premium in 1983.

Mr Millar made his fortune manufacturing aviation parts after the Second World War. Previously he had acted as European agent for American aircraft makers. In 1936 he piloted a Catalina flying boat from America after selling it to the Admiralty.

From his apartment in Monte Carlo the former Charterhouse pupil said yesterday that the health of his second wife Joanna, 60, had suffered as she worried about their debts.

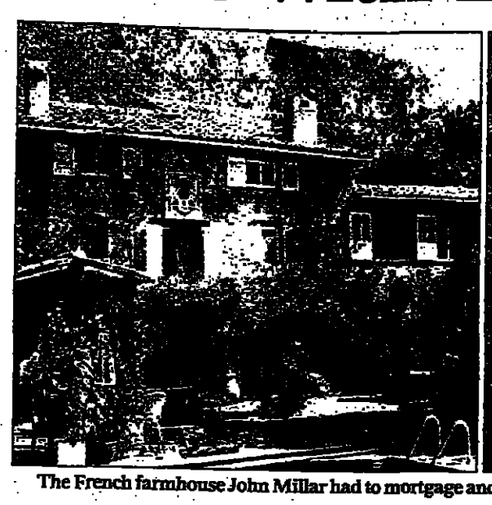
"It has been nine years of grinding hell, an awful strain. I want to sail the *Centurion* again but she is languishing in a marina at Gosport and is up for sale at $900,000 [£600,000]. To date she has cost me $6.5 million [£4.3m]. After paying all the costs and expenses I am only left with $2.3 million [£1.5m] but it has saved me."

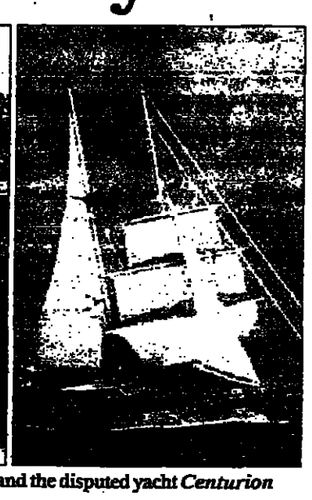
His insurance wrangle began after he was offered £660,000 by Hansen Corporation, the Lloyd's agents in Florida, for initial repairs to the 110ft brigantine but the cost of further work was disputed. "We have had to sell all our pictures, furniture and jewellery and mortgage the house. The pay-out means we can pay off the mortgage and get on with things but I have lost money and we are still doing bed-and-breakfast."

Mr Millar, who set up the Navy air transport system in Ceylon and southern India during the war, said: "The lessons I have learnt from all this is never trust a Lloyd's broker again. Lloyd's are above the law because they have their own charter. I would never insure with them again."

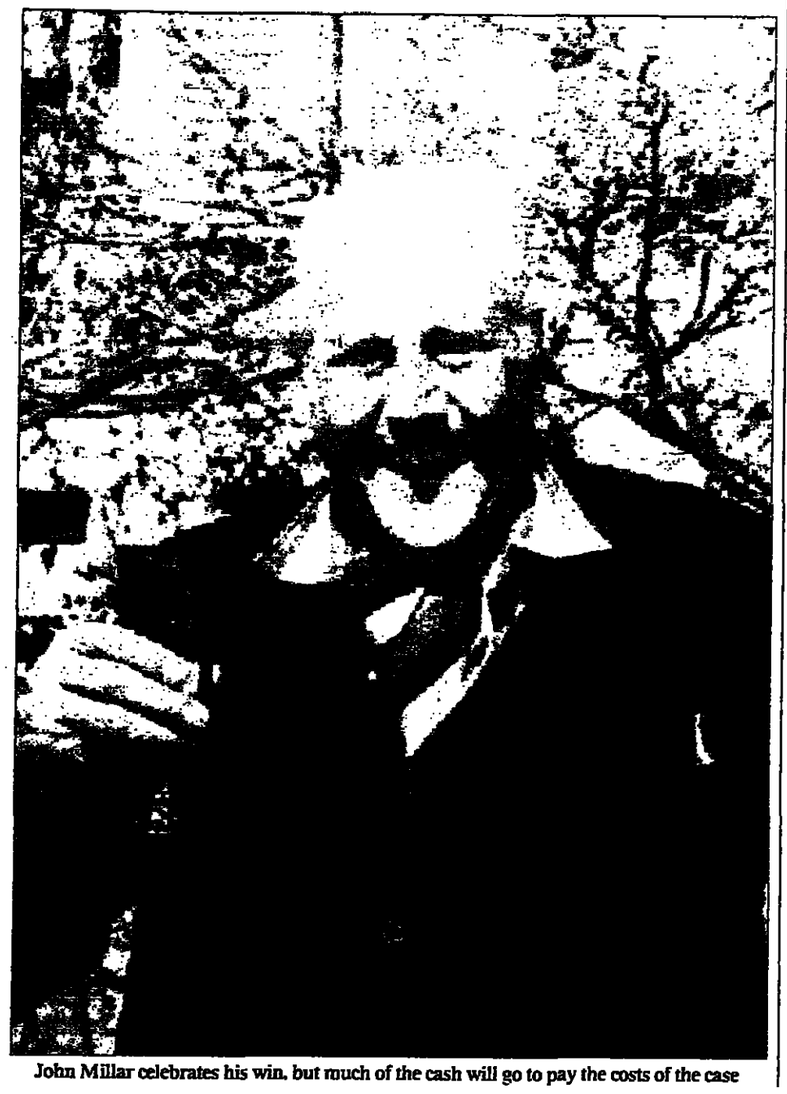
A spokesman for the 102 syndicate said: "The client has got his money. He felt he had a claim and so did we. Offers to settle out of court were rejected.

"We do not like going to court — we are not a litigious syndicate. In fact in 25 years of underwriting I have never come across a case like this."





The French farmhouse John Millar had to mortgage and the disputed yacht *Centurion*



John Millar celebrates his win, but much of the cash will go to pay the costs of the case

Bail for Italian on Mafia charge

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

AN alleged Mafia godfather fighting extradition to Italy on a multi-million pound heroin smuggling charge was bailed by a magistrate yesterday in spite of a warning from Rome that he would abscond.

Sebastiano Saia, 47, was given bail under "exceptional circumstances" even though a lawyer for the Italian government said that he had access to considerable financial resources which would enable him to leave the country.

Ronald Bartles, the magistrate at Bow Street court, granted Signor Saia bail on condition that he lives at an address in Brighton, remains within the town, gives up his Italian identity card, does not apply for travel documents, reports twice daily to the police and observes a night-time curfew. He also had to provide of surety of £150,000.

Signor Saia has spent 40 days in prison since being arrested at his restaurant in Brighton by Scotland Yard officers as part of an international effort to return him to Italy to face trial on charges of smuggling 500kg of heroin from Turkey to Italy in 1991. Italian police allege that he is a key figure in a Calabria-based Mafia syndicate.

John Zani, solicitor for Signor Saia, said the evidence against him was absurd and that his wife was in hospital with a difficult pregnancy. Mr Zani said his client denied involvement in organised crime.

Parenthood secret led to death

BY EMMA WILKINS

AN HOTEL manager who was secretly supporting his illegitimate child killed himself after receiving maintenance notices from the Child Support Agency.

Alan Creeton, 41, from Christchurch, Dorset, feared that his wife would discover that he had been making payments of £20 a week to the mother of his child, an inquest was told yesterday. Mr Creeton, who received CSA documents at his home last month, drove to the New Forest the following day and attached a hosepipe to the exhaust of his car.

Recording a verdict of suicide, Christopher Hodgkinson, Southampton deputy coroner, said Mr Creeton had become anxious that his wife would find out about the payments.

"He had also received paperwork from the CSA that was worrying him," Mr Hodgkinson said.

Christine Creeton said yesterday that her husband had died to keep a secret. "I was at the inquest and I know what they said about the Child Support Agency, but I have no more to say about that," she said. Mrs Creeton, who has a daughter, told the inquest that she did not know about the illegitimate child.

Louise Powell, a trainee solicitor, told the inquest that on the day of his death Mr Creeton told her the CSA had named him as the father of a child who was the result of a one-month affair.

"He had asked the woman to have an abortion but she had not. He then produced records showing he had been paying the mother £20 a week over the last year.

"He asked if he could keep it from his wife and I told him that the CSA would send all the details to his home," Miss Powell said.

"He said he may lose his job. As he left my office he said maybe he should commit suicide. I said that nothing was that bad," she said.

Mr Creeton left a note to his wife.

'Bimbo' case broker rang boss in bed

BY A STAFF REPORTER

AN INSURANCE broker who claimed her breast was fondled by her manager during an overseas business trip, rang him while he was in bed with his wife, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Giles Wilkinson, who denies sexually harassing Samantha Phillips, 28, said that in the call the day after the alleged incident she complained of a domestic crisis.

"She said she was locked out of her flat and could she claim a key on the company insurance," said Mr Wilkinson, 35, aviation production head at City brokers Willis Corroon. He said she must claim it on her house insurance.

Miss Phillips, of Battersea, southwest London, told the hearing in Croydon that she was persecuted by Mr Wilkinson after spurning his advances at a Copenhagan hotel in January 1992. She said he once called her a "bimbo" in front of colleagues.

She was sacked in November 1992 from her £17,000 post. She is claiming sexual discrimination and unfair dismissal. The hearing was adjourned until tomorrow.

Army took my son, says woman

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE MOTHER of a British soldier who was killed on exercises in Canada blamed the Army yesterday for his death and accused the Ministry of Defence of failing to meet the cost of his funeral.

Maxine Willson, 39, from Bournemouth, Dorset, has been offered a standard Army funeral grant of £220 but will have to find the remaining £1,600 to bury her son James, 18, who was killed last month. The Army is paying for his body to be flown home.

An inquest on Private Willson, who died when a tank crushed his trench in Alberta, was opened yesterday and adjourned.

Mrs Willson, an insurance supervisor, said she was upset by rules under which the Ministry of Defence will meet the whole cost of soldiers' funerals, provided they are buried in the country where they died. "It was their fault he was killed and they should bear the full cost of the decent funeral which he deserves," she said.

"They offered to bury him in Canada, but that would be just awful. He should be allowed to come home. He was only on exercise. I cannot leave him there. The Army was Jamie's life. I was so very proud of him," she added.

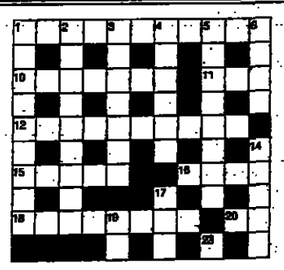
"I feel the Army has shirked their responsibility and the money they have offered is an insult to me and to James who worked so hard for them."

A ministry spokesman said: "When a serviceman is killed abroad, we offer the family two choices. They can have the burial abroad, in which case the full cost is met from public funds, or they can have the body flown back to England. We will pay for transportation, the coffin, and offer the grant."

If the family chooses a burial in a military cemetery in Britain, the cost is met by public funds, he added.

Private Willson will be buried tomorrow at Boscombe cemetery, Bournemouth.

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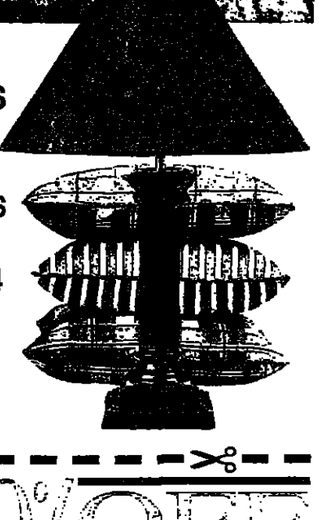
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£9,000 for open heart patient who was awake

BY ANDREW PIERCE

A HEART bypass patient who was awake but paralysed by anaesthetics during the seven-hour operation, has been paid £9,000 compensation by the hospital.

Norman Dalton, 55, who had psychiatric counselling after the surgery at Leeds General Infirmary, described his experience as a "living nightmare".

The payout comes only days after a report by the Royal College of Anaesthetists revealed that lighter drugs being used to anaesthetise patients could not guarantee people would be unconscious.

At least 7,750 are conscious during surgery each year and 250 feel their bodies being cut, according to the college's report.

The Royal College report suggests that the number of patients who wake up during surgery may be much higher. But it suggests some people may be reluctant to complain in case they are not believed.

Mr Dalton, a Leeds electrician, was unable to return to work for almost a year. "I couldn't work with power tools. They made the sound, sensation and vibration of being operated on.

"It made me feel petrified, which is difficult when you are an electrician."

At the start of the operation, which saved Mr Dalton's life, he said he recalled a mask being placed over his mouth and being lifted on to the operating table.

"I was scared out of my wits but could not scream for help."

During the operation he had the sensation that his hands were fingerless and nailed to the table. "I felt my chest being cut open and blood being mopped away. I heard and felt the saw cutting through my chest bone.

"I felt sharpness going down my leg as they cut into it to get a vein out for the bypass.

"All the time I could hear voices and I tried somehow to signal that I was not properly sedated, but I was powerless and terrified. It wasn't painful but I could feel every cut and saw the doctors made. I was trying, but I just couldn't move. I was asleep but at the same time awake."

It took ten months to recover and the hospital assigned a psychiatric nurse to help him through the stress the experience had caused.

"I was told I had post-traumatic stress disorder, which meant I got panic attacks when things reminded me of the operation. I would wake up almost every night in a cold sweat and would get regular flashbacks during the day.

"People have said to me that I should be grateful that the operation saved my life. I am grateful, but I should never have been put through such a terrifying ordeal," he said.

The hospital has sent an apology to Mr Dalton for the incident in September 1990.

A spokesman said: "We are committed to providing health care of the highest standards. Regrettably those standards were not met in the circumstances of Mr Dalton's treatment."

TONY HALL



Charlie Rawlins, at home with his wife Rose, is lucky to be alive

Skin grafts from twins save life of burnt father

BY KATE ALDERSON

A ROAD worker who suffered 80 per cent burns after drilling through an 11,000 volt electric cable has been saved after surgeons took emergency skin grafts from his twin children.

Charlie Rawlins' body burst into flames after he had drilled through the cable on the A49 in Warrington in May. As well as losing most of the skin on his body, he suffered kidney failure.

Mr Rawlins, 52, from Liverpool, was operated on by Ian James at Whiston Hospital. He took skin from the thighs of the injured man's children, Thomas and Collette, and during a number of delicate operations began building up Mr Rawlins' burnt body.

Mr James said Mr Rawlins had a 5 per cent chance of survival. "To have survived 80 per cent burns plus total kidney failure is a triumph for Charlie. His survival is unique in the United Kingdom. There is no evidence of anyone surviving this amount of burns and kidney failure in the whole country. This was one of the worst cases I have ever seen."

He removed 55 per cent of Mr Rawlins' burnt skin before he could begin the grafting operations. "I used techniques I had learnt from specialist units in the United States." Mr James said. "The kind of operations Charlie had are pretty unique in this country."

Mr Rawlins was operated on four times and during the second operation, lasting four hours, 45 per cent of his skin was removed. It was then replaced with his children's skin. His face was not burnt and, although his hands were badly damaged, they are now functional. Mr Rawlins was discharged from the hospital's combined burns and intensive care unit this week.

US-bound sculpture may win a reprieve

BY DALYA ALBERGE
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

HERITAGE campaigners trying to save *The Three Graces* for the nation have one day left before Canova's sculpture is lost to Britain.

An export licence will be granted to the Getty Museum in California unless a British institution can match the price of £7.6 million by tomorrow.

Although the campaigners have raised only £4.7 million, they are increasingly confident that the export licence application will be deferred for another three months, giving them time to raise the final amount. There has been such a flurry of activity in the past few days they may even be able to match the figure before the deadline.

The National Heritage Memorial Fund has raised £3 million, £1.1 million has come from the Victoria & Albert Museum purchase fund and £500,000 from the National Art Collections Fund (one of the largest grants by this art charity). About 300 members of the public have sent cheques in the past few days. The delay is the subject of increasing irritation at the Getty Museum, which in 1989 was refused a licence for the sculpture, although there was no other offer.



The Graces: next stop California?

A Getty spokesman said: "The museum can be excused for feeling frustrated and concerned by what appears to be yet another attempt to manipulate the system."

George Levy, a trustee of the London Historic House Museums Trust, said that for Stephen Dorrell, the newly appointed National Heritage Secretary, to grant a deferral would be "a magnificant gesture" with which to start his term of office.

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Sandra Parkinson: "A lonely girl"

Personal ad may be murder clue

SANDRA Parkinson, the chambermaid who was raped and murdered last month near Salcombe, Devon, might have met her killer through lonely hearts advertisements she placed in a newspaper, police said yesterday.

"We are building up a picture of a lonely girl who was looking for companionship," Det Supt Phil Pyke said.

One advertisement read: "Female, 22, warm, affectionate, honest, GSOH, slim, curves in all the right places, cuddles, seeks male to share and enjoy life. Photo if possible. Genuine replies please."

Pensioner killed by bath burns

A woman aged 75 died after being burnt by solar-heated water in the bath at her holiday hotel in Cyprus, an inquest was told yesterday.

Marjorie Horton, a widow from Southampton, became trapped in the bath at the hotel in Limassol in January and suffered first and second degree burns to her legs from the shower attachment.

Leo Rossi, a plastic surgeon, told the court that Mrs Horton died four weeks later as a direct result of the burns. Bill Bache, Wiltshire deputy coroner, recorded a verdict of accidental death.

PC in gear

The villagers of Cottingham, Humberside, spent £6,000 on petrol to save enough coupons to provide their local policeman, PC Stuart McCluskey, with a 15-speed mountain bike for his rounds.

Thieves' gift

Would-be thieves who tricked their way into a 76-year-old man's home in Manningtree, Essex, with a hamper of groceries they said he had won, found nothing to steal. He is now enjoying the hamper.

Hot tip

Police hunting robbers in Four Oaks, West Midlands, found that the "thieves" they had pinpointed with a helicopter heat-seeking device in Barry Silvester's back garden were his compost heap.

New groom

The Iron Age white horse overlooking Westbury, Wiltshire, which had become decidedly grey, has been refurbished with a film of white concrete at a cost of £50,000.

Tunnel boost

Eurotunnel has been given safety clearance to begin promotional train services through the Channel Tunnel, paving the way for a full service, possibly in October.

Crash-and-run

Firemen had to shore up the 300-year-old town hall at Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire, after a lorry ploughed into it, reversed out and drove off.

Safety drive

Taxi drivers in Aberdeen will hand out free condoms to passengers on request next week as part of National Condom Week.

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Drug traffic cannot be halted, Customs admits

BY BILL FROST

CUSTOMS officers at London's airports said yesterday that drug traffickers could be thwarted only if every passenger was searched.

In 1993-94, Customs seized drugs with a street value of £75 million, a record, compared with £70.8 million in 1992-93, and broke up about 70 organised gangs.

As the figures were released yesterday, Douglas Tweddle, Customs Collector for London's three airports, said: "There will always be incentives for people to sell narcotics. We cannot stop the problem without draconian measures."

Drug seizures rose from 1,637 in the financial year 1992-93 to 1,724 in 1993-94. "Put another way, that is 33 seizures per week or four to five every day of the year," a Customs spokesman said.

David Chesters, Assistant Collector for Customs at Gatwick, said: "There is a way to stop drug smugglers and that is stop every single passenger. It's not acceptable to politicians or to the general public."

Foreign traffickers nevertheless regarded Britain as a difficult target.

Mr Tweddle said: "Narco lords are concerned about operating in Britain. Too many of their colleagues are locked up in our prisons."

Couriers were paid extra money to smuggle into this country, and the high prices paid on Britain's streets for drugs reflected the effectiveness of Customs procedures, he added. Although a kilogram of cocaine could be produced for a few hundred pounds, it sold in Britain for £200,000.

The record drug haul achieved by London airports fits into the general pattern, which saw total Customs seizures for this country last year reach £519 million, the highest yet.

Customs said that the most worrying trend among the 1993-94 airport figures was the rise in seizures of Class A drugs such as heroin and cocaine.

Of the 1,724 seizures, 506 were from traffickers smuggling for gain and more than 1,200 from travellers bringing in drugs for personal use. The confiscated drugs were 124kg of heroin; 407kg of cocaine; 360kg of opium; and more than 50,000 doses of synthetic drugs such as LSD and Ecstasy.

Officers at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted seized 1,768kg of herbal cannabis, 434kg of cannabis resin and 3.3kg in oil form — a total of more than two tonnes.

Smuggling techniques such as swallowing a condom filled with cocaine or heroin were on the decrease, senior Customs officers said yesterday. Instead, couriers were now packing drugs around their bodies.

Mr Tweddle said that the traditional image of the drug smuggler as seedy rarely corresponded with reality. Drug barons preferred to use attractive women or respectable-looking men in suits and ties.

"This is where we have to go beyond the appearance of people. We have to use information about conduit routes and on data bases and shared intelligence," he added.

Mr Tweddle also referred to a rise in the smuggling of counterfeit goods to Britain. "The problem is not with fake watches and perfumes, but with counterfeit pharmaceuticals and car and aeroplane parts which don't always do what they are supposed to."

Figures released by the National Criminal Intelligence Service showed that 25 times as much cocaine was being seized now as in the mid-1980s. The markets for crack, cannabis and amphetamines were expanding steadily.

Most cocaine smuggled to Britain came from Colombia and Venezuela, though Jamaican "Yardies" were behind attempts to transport smaller amounts here. In addition, there was a supply route from The Netherlands and France.

Other illicit imports seized at London's airports last year included pornography, guns, gas sprays and more than 12,000 products of endangered wildlife and live animals.

"Clearly the problems we face, particularly in respect of drugs, are getting worse, but we continue to improve our effectiveness in combating smugglers," Mr Tweddle said.



Imam: American lawyers said his revelations led to the recovery of £500 million which will go to BCCI creditors

BCCI executive jailed for 3 years

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A SENIOR executive of the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International was jailed for three years at the Old Bailey yesterday despite unprecedented testimonials on his behalf from prosecuting authorities in the United States.

Lawyers from the Federal Reserve in Washington and the New York District Attorney's Office flew the Atlantic to reveal the importance of the help Imran Imam gave to them. His revelations led to several prosecutions and to the recovery of $750 million (£500 million) which will eventually go to help creditors who lost in the world's biggest banking collapse in July 1991.

The decision by the Serious Fraud Office in March 1992 to charge Imam led to a cooling of their normally cordial relations with the Americans. In a pre-trial application to have the charges against Imam thrown out on the grounds of abuse of process, Anthony Glass QC, his counsel, argued that Imam had been induced and misled by the SFO into thinking he would not be prosecuted.

Rick Small, special counsellor to the board of governors of the Special Reserve System in Washington and John Moscow, an assistant DA in New York, told Judge Pownall they had several meetings with the SFO case controller, Chris Dickson. In the meetings they emphasised the help Imam had given to the American side of the investigation into BCCI's collapse and their plans to use him as a prosecution witness and urged him to take the same course.

Believing he would, they handed over documents they would not have if they had known the SFO was going to prosecute. But the Americans conceded Mr Dickson had never categorically stated Imam would not be prosecuted. Mr Dickson told the judge he did nothing to disabuse them in case they tipped off Imam.

Judge Pownall ruled there had been no abuse of process because no undertakings not to prosecute had been given. But as he passed sentence yesterday he acknowledged: "I can understand you felt hard done by being prosecuted in those circumstances."

After the sentence Mr Dickson agreed there had been "blips" in the relationship with the Americans but they were in the past.

Sentencing Imam, 42, of Edgware, north London, who was convicted last week after a three-month trial of two charges of conspiracy to falsify records, conspiracy to conceal documents and furnishing false information, Judge Pownall said he played a key role in the "stupendous fraud" which led to BCCI's collapse.



Small: had several meetings with SFO

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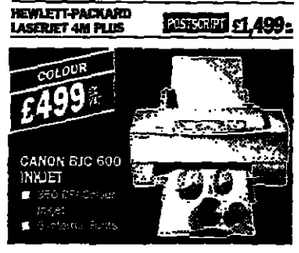
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Computer virus 'life in our image'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

MAN-MADE computer viruses should be considered a form of life and an indictment of man's effect on the planet, Stephen Hawking, the astrophysicist and mathematician, said on Tuesday.

Like biological viruses, computer viruses live off a host computer, duplicating themselves and wiping out data, he told a computer exhibition in Boston. Even though they exist parasitically and have no metabolism, they fit the definition of a life-form, the Cambridge University physicist argued.

"It says something about human nature that the only form of life we have created so far is purely destructive. We've created life in our own image."

Professor Hawking also spoke of a new era of "self-designed evolution". In the future, mankind may be able to extend lifespan by using genetic engineering to create healthier and more intelligent human beings.

Some scientists dispute the contention that viruses are "purely destructive", saying that biological and computer viruses can be beneficial.

Fats test pinpoints heart risk

BY NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

A DIAGNOSTIC method developed in Britain could pinpoint people at risk of heart attacks. It measures oxidised fats in the bloodstream, which some specialists believe could give a clearer prediction than cholesterol counts.

When fats from the diet are oxidised, partly-stable compounds called hydroperoxides, which appear to damage the delicate linings of the blood vessels and result in blockages, are formed.

A team at University College London Medical School, led by Dr Simon Woolf and supported by the British Heart Foundation, has found a simple and reliable way of measuring hydroperoxide levels, reported in the American journal *Analytical Biochemistry*.

The test showed that a group of 22 diabetes patients, who are known to have higher heart attack risks, do show correspondingly high levels of hydroperoxides.

The role of hydroperoxides in heart disease could explain why antioxidants, found in fruit and vegetables, seem to provide protection. The antioxidants are believed to reduce formation of hydroperoxides.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

British championship

The highest ranked player (at 2535) in the British chess championship is John Emms, a former resident of Norwich who now lives in Beckenham. He opened his challenge for this year's title with a polished strategic performance.

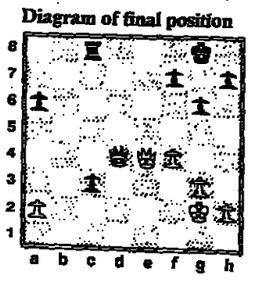
White: Robert McFarland
Black: John Emms
British championship, 1994

English Opening

1	Nf3	c5
2	g3	Nc6
3	Bg2	g6
4	c4	Bg7
5	Nc3	e6
6	e3	Nge7
7	d4	d6
8	0-0	0-0
9	Qd2	cxd4
10	Nxd4	Nxd4
11	exd4	Rb8
12	b3	a6
13	Rd1	b5
14	Bb2	bxc4
15	bxc4	Bb7
16	Bxb7	Rxb7
17	Rac1	Nf5
18	Ne2	Bh6
19	f4	Bg7
20	Bc3	Qc7
21	Qd3	Rc8
22	Be1	Rb2
23	Rd2	Rxd2
24	Bxd2	Qa7
25	Be3	Nxe3
26	Qxe3	e5
27	Qd3	exd4
28	Rd1	Qc5
29	Nxd4	d5
30	Kg2	dxc4
31	Qe4	Qd6
32	Rd2	c3
33	Rd3	Bxd4
34	Rxd4	Qxd4

White resigns
After 35 Qxd4 c2, the Black pawn promotes.

Diagram of final position



Fide update

In the quarter-finals of the Fide championship at Sanghi Nagar, India, Valery Salov won the fifth game and drew the sixth to make the score 3-3 against Jan Timman. Viswanathan Anand leads Gata Kamsky by 3.5-2.5 but Kamsky has a winning position in the adjourned seventh game, while the remaining match between Boris Gelfand and Vladimir Kramnik is level pegging at 3.5-3.5.

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THE TIMES GUIDE TO BATTLEFIELDS OF BRITAIN: DAY 4



Sir John Cheney, who fought Richard hand-to-hand



MARTIN BEDDALL

A peaceful setting for a bloody battle: Tewkesbury Abbey is framed by children's swings on the site where 2,000 Lancastrians died trying to restore Henry VI to the throne

BOSWORTH 1485

Where a dynasty was unseated

BY ALAN HAMILTON

SET among the quiet rolling fields of Leicestershire, Bosworth is one of our best preserved and least spoilt battlefields. It is also one of the very few to have an on-site visitor centre with explanatory video and exhibition. A marked trail has helpful interpretation boards at strategic points and the standards of Richard, Henry and the Stanleys are flown daily at those points where they had their respective headquarters.

Experts may quibble with some details of Leicestershire County Council's somewhat simplified interpretation of the battle and the life and times of Richard III, but the overall presentation is attractive and discreet.

There are those who claim that Richard III was not the personification of evil portrayed by Shakespeare. But it is clear that his seizure of the throne in 1483, and his imprisonment of his predecessor Edward IV's sons in the Tower, sparked a rebellion that brought the Plantagenet dynasty, and the Wars of the Roses, to an end on Bosworth Field on August 22, 1485.

Suspecting the arrival of a French-backed invasion force bent on dethroning him, but uncertain whether it would land in Wales, on the South Coast or in northern England, Richard stationed himself centrally at Nottingham Castle ready to march in any direction. Henry Tudor, with a force of 2,000 French mercenaries, landed at Milford Haven on August 7, 1485, and two weeks later the armies met just south of the Leicestershire town of Market Bosworth.

The King had the advantage, camped on top of Ambion hill, and against the Tudor mercenary ragglе-taggle he ranged a well-equipped army of perhaps 10,000 men. Richard opened the battle with a downhill charge, and its momentum carried the armed conflict across several fields. But the rebel archers and men-at-arms forced the King's men to retire and regroup.

Watching from the sidelines and not yet committed to battle were 4,000 men under the command of the brothers Thomas and William Stanley, nominally part of the King's army. But the Stanleys were secret sympathisers with the rebels. At a crucial moment when Richard appeared to have lost his early advantage, the Stanleys came out of the closet, declared themselves for the Tudor upstart and laid into Richard's men.

The hand-to-hand fighting was fierce and confused. Richard was in the thick of the melee, supposedly seeking Henry to strike him down.

But the King was unhorsed after a clash with Sir John Cheney and, whether or not he uttered the immortal plea for a replacement mount, was killed. According to tradition the crown of England — or more likely a diadem worn by Richard over his helmet — was found hanging in a hawthorn hedge, to be retrieved by a soldier and placed on the head of the rebel to create him King Henry VII of England.

☐ *Bosworth Field lies two miles south of Market Bosworth, 11 miles west of Leicester, and is well signposted from the A444 and A447. Battlefield open all year. Visitor centre open Easter-October: admission £2 (£1.30 concessions).*
Accommodation: *Leicester has a wide range of hotels. The Old Tudor Rectory, Main Street, Glenfield, Leicester (0533 320220) is a two-star establishment near M1, junction 21. Nearer the battlefield is Sketchley Grange, Sketchley Lane, Burbage, Hinckley (0455 251133), a country house hotel.*
Further reading: The Battle of Bosworth, *Bennett, (Alan Sutton 1987).*

TEWKESBURY 1471

Slaughter in the abbey

BY ALAN HAMILTON

ACROSS a clipped, gently rising meadow from the honeyed stone of Tewkesbury Abbey is a placid park where children play and old men snooze. On May 4, 1471, it was the scene of terrible Lancastrian slaughter.

Margaret of Anjou, wife of the deposed Lancastrian Henry VI, had landed at Portland with an army from France intent on wresting back the crown from the upstart Yorkist Edward IV and freeing her husband from Edward's custody. Heading for Gloucester to gather support, Margaret found to her dismay that the city was in the hands of the Yorkists. She was forced to march up the east bank of the Severn, hoping to cross it at Tewkesbury ford.

With Edward giving chase, the weary Lancastrians turned to face their pursuers outside the ancient Benedictine abbey in the field known as The Vineyards. To the south was ranged the Yorkist army under Edward, his brother Richard (later Richard III) and the Duke of Clarence, drawn up in what are now the meadows on the southern edge of the town astride the A38 to Gloucester.

From the beginning the battle went badly for the forces of Anjou. The Duke of Somerset, commanding the Lancastrian right, led his men towards the Severn in a flanking move to get out of range of the Yorkist archers, but ran into 200 spearmen concealed in the woods of what is now Tewkesbury golf course. As he desperately attempted to regain his lines, his men were cut down in the field near the present-day sewage works known ever afterwards as Bloody Meadow. Somerset's fate put the rest of the Lancastrian army in disarray, and the Yorkists pressed home the advantage. The defenders broke ranks and fled, many seeking the safety of the abbey. Edward pursued them, even slaughtering them in the aisle until the abbot implored him to cease such carnage within God's house. An estimated 2,000 Lancastrians, including Henry's son Edward, Prince of Wales, who is buried in the abbey choir, were killed. Much of the flower of Lancastrian nobility is buried in the abbey's north transept.

At the day's end the monks went out to collect the dead and from their armour fashioned iron bars for the strongroom door for the abbey sacristy, which still exists.

Defeat at Tewkesbury spelt the end of Lancastrian hopes of regaining the throne. Henry VI was put to death in the Tower; Somerset was executed; Margaret of Anjou fled the field, but was captured at Malvern a few days later and held prisoner for four years until ransomed by her father, the King of France.

Much of the battlefield is now built over by housing, a cemetery and a sewage works, and is threatened with further development. But its main elements are still visible, and at the top of the meadow by the abbey — the last monastery to be dissolved by Henry VIII and a major attraction in itself — is a small memorial marking the spot where the Prince of Wales drew up the centre of the Lancastrian lines.

Tewkesbury is currently under greater threat from development than any other British battlefield. John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, is expected to give the go-ahead soon to two planning applications for 350 houses on the site. Approval could also mean the building of a relief road across the historic meadows.

The applications were initially turned down, but after appeal hearings Mr Gummer has made it known that he is "minded" to allow them, although a final decision is still awaited.

English Heritage gave written evidence to the inquiry, but with its battlefields register incomplete, it declined to bring its full weight to bear. Objectors say it would be a tragedy if building was allowed while the register was in preparation and that it is still not too late for Mr Gummer to take account of the latest and best historical evidence of the precise location of the fighting.

☐ *Tewkesbury Abbey lies on the A38 in the town centre. Half a mile south Mill Lode Lane leads to a picnic area, bisecting Bloody Meadow. Free map from tourist office.*
Accommodation
Ample hotels, several historic, including 2-star Tudor House, High St (0684 297755) and 3-star Royal Hop Pole in Church St (0684 293236).
Further reading.
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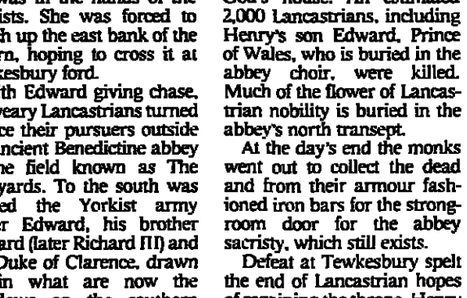
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Roger Altman, the Deputy Treasury Secretary, listening to a question from the Senate banking committee on Capitol Hill early yesterday. His attempts to convince the committee that he had not misled Congress were dismissed as "totally unbelievable"and "disingenuous"

Bentsen defends staff briefings on Whitewater case

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE Whitewater hearings continued to transfix Washington yesterday as Lloyd Bentsen, the elderly and patrician Treasury Secretary, strove to clear his name in a way that his deputy, Roger Altman, had conspicuously failed to during a ten-hour grilling the night before.

Mr Bentsen said he had turned his department upside down and his memory inside out, but he could not recall being told that his aides were briefing the White House on a supposedly independent investigation into the failed Arkansas bank whose funds may have been illegally channelled to Bill Clinton, then the state's Governor. Earlier testimony from Jean Hanson, the Treasury's chief counsel, had suggested otherwise.

The briefings were regrettable, Mr Bentsen said, but broke no laws, violated no ethical rules and did not result in any interference with the bank's investigation by the Treasury-controlled Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC).

Mr Bentsen was given a relatively easy ride by his former Senate colleagues, unlike Mr Altman who was finally dismissed by the Senate's highly sceptical banking committee at 2.05 am yesterday, barely seven hours before he was due to begin another gruelling session before the House banking committee.

It was as if the senators were trying to extract a confession from Mr Altman by breaking him, but if that was their aim they failed. Battling to save his career, the increasingly exhausted and tetchy witness doggedly denied lying to Congress about the briefings but convinced few of his interrogators, Republican or Democrat.

They variously described Mr Altman's testimony as "totally unbelievable", "disingenuous" and "semantic gymnastics". Afterwards at least two Republican members renewed their call for Mr Altman's resignation, saying he had "clearly lost the confidence of the committee".

The hearings have become so arcane and complex that few Americans really understand them. However, Republican congressmen suspect the White House of trying to impede the RTC's investigation to protect the President from embarrassment, but the Administration insists that the sole purpose of the briefings was to enable the White House to prepare for the inevitable press inquiries.

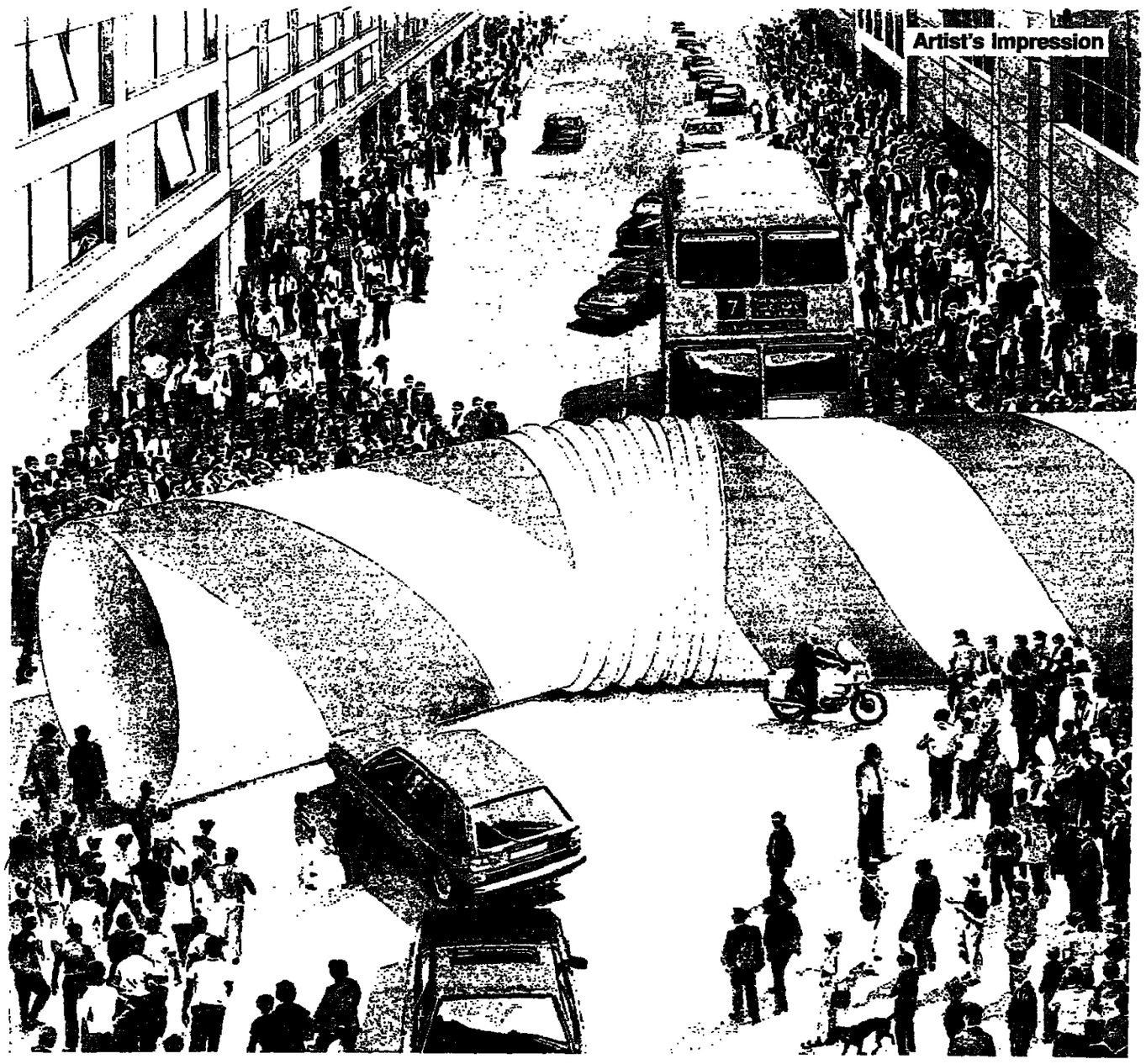
Mr Altman said during congressional testimony last February that there had been only one "substantive" meeting between Treasury and White House officials to discuss the investigation. In four separate letters he subsequently amended his testimony to admit that there were more, and officials now acknowledge there were at least 40 meetings, telephone calls and other forms of communication.

On Tuesday, Mr Altman repeatedly denied that he had intentionally misled Congress, but some of his colleagues provided some very powerful evidence to the contrary. As *USA Today* put it yesterday, their stories and Mr Altman's "clashed like polka dots and plaid".

Ms Hanson, the Treasury counsel, has testified under oath that Mr Altman instructed her to inform the White House last September of the investigation involving the President, but the most damning testimony emerged from the subpoenaed private diary of Joshua Steiner, the Treasury's 28-year-old chief of staff.

In February, Mr Altman had "gracefully ducked" senators' questions about the extent of the Treasury-White House contacts, Mr Steiner wrote. Later the White House put "intense pressure" on Mr Altman not to withdraw from the Whitewater case because of conflicting interests, thereby depriving the White House of its eyes and its ears. Mr Steiner incurred the committee's ridicule by seeking to disown his diary.

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Nicotine finding paves way for cigarette controls

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

NICOTINE is addictive and the chief cause of smoking, according to a drug abuse advisory panel of the US Food and Drug Administration. The key finding opens the way for possible government regulation of cigarettes.

After two days of hearings in Washington, the FDA committee of ten scientists rejected arguments from the tobacco industry that smoking is simply a habit, freely entered into, and that nicotine is no more addictive than caffeine in coffee. The committee voted unanimously that "the amount of nicotine delivered by currently marketed cigarettes is likely to lead to addiction".

American cigarette manufacturers have come under increasing attack in recent months with allegations that they have known of tobacco's health dangers for decades and that they manipulate nicotine levels to keep smokers hooked. Both claims have been denied.

FDA officials, helped by some members of Congress, are trying to establish controls over tobacco products similar to those for over-the-counter drugs. To do so, the FDA must prove that cigarettes affect the "structure or function" of the body, a scientific definition that is arguably met by the committee's conclusions.

President Clinton and his wife support the campaign to ban smoking in many buildings and one of Hillary Clinton's first acts in Washington was to prohibit smoking in the White House. The Clintons have also proposed a tax of up to one dollar on every pack to help pay for healthcare reform.



Hillary Clinton: banned smoking in White House

The FDA believes a total ban would create a huge black market. Instead, the agency is looking at steadily reducing nicotine levels to non-addictive levels over ten to 20 years.

This idea has been proposed by Neal Benowitz, a professor of medicine in San Francisco, who told the committee that smokers of up to five cigarettes a day do not seem to become hooked. Their daily nicotine intake is about 5mg, while doses of 10-20mg are needed to cause dependence.

Wary Germans resist 'male pill'

FROM MATTHEW BEARD IN BONN

AFTER 20 years of research, German scientists at the University of Münster have successfully developed the "male pill", but church and government opposition and caution in the drugs industry seem likely to retard its use.

Professor Eberhard Nieschlag, who with Dr Hermann Behre has developed the contraceptive injection for men, says medical progress is being held up by political inertia in Germany. "Above all, in Germany we have not grasped the importance of medicinal contraception," laments Professor Nieschlag, recalling the government's refusal to discuss it at the 1992 World Environment Conference.

In 1992, out of 910,000 daily conceptions world wide, half were accidental and resulted in 150,000 abortions. In 1987, the global population climbed above five billion for the first time. This figure is expected to rise to six billion by 1999 and eight billion in the 2020.

"The Church is going to have to get to grips with the problem of population growth and recognise that prevention is better than abortion," Professor Nieschlag says. Pharmaceutical companies balk at the idea of industrial production, fearing liability for any unforeseen side effects.

The anti-hormone injection acts on the pituitary gland, at the base of the brain, to cut or suppress sperm production. An injection renders a man infertile for three to six months.

Unions try to force army into freeing Abiola

Police kill protesters at start of Nigerian strike

BY MICHAEL HAMLYN

THREE people were killed by police in Lagos yesterday as they clashed with protesters at the start of a general strike aimed at forcing Nigeria's military government from office. The total could well rise and at least six people were reported injured.

Smoke from burning barricades curled above the deserted city centre as bands of youths enforcing the strike terrorised shopkeepers into shutting and hacked those who defied them with machetes. Strikers blockaded the motorways into the centre and set fire to a number of cars. Police, hampered by a shortage of petrol due to a month-long strike in the oil industry, opened fire on the mobs with tear gas and then bullets.

Demonstrators paraded the body of one of their dead colleagues around the palace of the traditional ruler of the city, Oba Oyekan. Witnesses reported that two others were shot dead by the police. Another witness saw two corpses along a highway.

Business came to a standstill as most of the eight million inhabitants prudently decided to stay at home. Even civil servants failed to turn up to work, despite a televised warning from the government to do so. The British High Commission closed down its visa office, offering to handle only emergencies at its main office a mile and a half away.

The strike was called by the 41 unions combined in the National Labour Congress to demand the immediate release from jail of Chief Moshood Abiola, who appeared in court in the capital, Abuja, yesterday on charges of treason. Chief Abiola, a Yoruba politician and media magnate, claimed to be President when he returned from self-imposed exile earlier this year. He is regarded as having won last year's presidential election, which was called off by General Ibrahim Babangida, the President, before results were declared. General Babangida stepped down, nevertheless, and handed over to an interim civilian government, which was promptly toppled by another military coup, led by General Sani Abacha, the Defence Minister.

Civil disobedience by the Campaign for Democracy in support of Chief Abiola brought the country to a series of grinding halts as strikes were called in key areas. Last month the unions in the oil industry went on indefinite strike aimed at freeing Chief Abiola. This week the leaders of the National Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas workers promised to stay on strike until the Abacha regime undertook to begin talks on a transfer of power.

Yesterday's strike was observed in different regions with remarkably different intensity. Although it was virtually 100 per cent in Lagos and in the Yoruba heartland of Abiola supporters in the southwest, there was less enthusiasm in the north. The Muslim-dominated north has provided the country's leaders for 30 out of the 34 years of independence. General Abacha is a northerner, and although Chief Abiola is a Muslim his Yoruba background makes him less readily supported there.

Government television and radio also gave attention to pro-government protests in the north. Some pro-government protesters carried anti-American placards, in reference to an unsuccessful visit by the Rev Jesse Jackson, who was sent by President Clinton last week in an effort to defuse the crisis and win Chief Abiola's freedom.

The federal high court in Abuja yesterday heard arguments from prosecution and defence on its jurisdiction to hear the case against Chief Abiola. The hearing was adjourned until August 16.



Chief Abiola appeared in court in the capital, Abuja, yesterday on charges of treason. Civil disobedience on his behalf has brought key areas to a halt

NEWS IN BRIEF

Safety at nuclear power plant condemned

Hong Kong: A former manager at a nuclear power plant 30 miles from central Hong Kong has alleged that essential safety procedures are being ignored and a serious accident could occur (Catherine Field writes).

The man, who was sacked during a labour dispute, told the *Eastern Express* newspaper that he would be making a report on the Daya Bay nuclear plant to the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Marcos sale

Manila: The Philippine government plans to auction off in Bern, Switzerland, next May, up to £20 million worth of jewels belonging to Imelda Marcos, widow of former President Marcos. *(AP)*

Mammoth find

Ventura, California: A geology professor studying rock formations has found what may be a unique remnant of the last Ice Age — the skeleton of a pygmy mammoth. *(AP)*

Haiti threatens 'alarmist' media with shutdown

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

Haiti's military junta, which declared a state of siege on Monday, yesterday threatened to shut down or take over local newspapers and radio stations if journalists failed to obey new press guidelines banning "alarmist news" and "foreign propaganda".

Local journalists, who have enjoyed considerable freedom up to now, said the announcement marked a serious new phase in the country's political crisis. Journalists at *Libète* (Creole for "Freedom"), an outspoken pro-democracy newspaper, already operate from a clandestine office where computers are run off car batteries. But Jean-Yves Urfie, the editor, said his biggest problem now is not the state of siege



but the international embargo which has cut off supplies of paper. He said *Libète* would soon have to close if new paper supplies could not be found.

The problem at *Libète* is typical of life in Haiti under the embargo and the military's state of siege. Although humanitarian supplies are exempt from the embargo, Haitian businesses complain that shipping firms will no longer sail to Haiti because they cannot find enough cargo to fill their holds or insurance cover to make the voyage.

As a result, the prices for scarce supplies of basic commodities, including flour and yeast, have rocketed, putting bakeries and other shops out of business. Foreign humanitarian groups also say they are having trouble getting relief supplies into the country. "The embargo is killing this country," said one senior relief official. "Clinton has to decide — invade or lift the embargo."

The embargo has halted fuel supplies, although petrol is being smuggled across the border from the Dominican Republic. Petrol stations in the capital are closed, but contraband fuel is now sold out of plastic buckets by the side of the road. From next week fuel could be in even shorter supply as American observers begin monitoring the border to stop smuggling.

Wealthier Haitians have turned to cooking gas, which is exempt from the embargo, to run their cars. One businessman, who asked not to be named, paid $450 (£300) to install a propane converter to run his large Ford pick-up. He estimated that by using propane he has cut his weekly fuel costs from $80 to only $20.

But that is small comfort. Like other businessmen, he is getting ready to lay off 20 employees at his handicrafts factory now that the embargo has also banned cultural artefacts from being exported. "Right now we are just filling the shelves with stocks. We can't go on," he said.

He does not blame America or the embargo for his troubles. "Our government and the military are insane. They have brought this upon us. Our only hope now is an invasion," he said.

☐ **Santo Domingo:** Joaquin Balaguer, the incumbent, has been declared President of the Dominican Republic almost three months after votes were cast. He won by 22,000 votes with a 42.4 per cent share of the poll. *(Reuter)*

Israel opens its air space to Husain

FROM BEN LYNFIELD IN JERUSALEM

MIDDLE East rapprochement gathered pace yesterday as King Husain of Jordan flew over Israel in a dramatic goodwill gesture after Israeli legislators voted 91-3 to endorse the peace declaration signed by the two countries in Washington last week.

The King's plane, with three Israeli air force F15 fighters protecting it, circled twice over Jerusalem's Old City — lost to Israel during the 1967 war — affording the monarch a close glimpse of al-Aqsa mosque where his grandfather, King Abdullah, was assassinated in his presence.

Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister, speaking by radio to King Husain, said: "Your Majesty, welcome to Israel." the King replied: "To the people of Israel and Jerusalem, all our best wishes and our prayers for peace. Shalom."

Israeli leaders said the overflight on King Husain's route home from London would pave the way for the opening of an air corridor for Jordanian planes over Israeli air space to save flight time on trips to and from Europe. But above all it served to highlight the extensive goodwill and trust developing between the two neighbours.

Representatives from the hardline Likud Party opposition threw their support behind Mr Rabin during a vote on the Washington declaration ending the state of war between Israel and Jordan.

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Muslim militants kill five French in Algiers attack

FROM SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

THREE French policemen and two consular officials were assassinated in Algiers early yesterday during an attempt to blow up a residential block which houses 70 French Embassy staff.

The assailants are presumed to be Islamic fundamentalists who have carried out a series of attacks on foreigners in Algeria. They had forced open the gateway of the Cité Ain Allah, a private residential street near Dely Brahim in the southwest of the capital, and attempted to park a booby-trapped car near one of the buildings. Two French policemen were killed in a burst of machinegun fire. As a second round of gunfire echoed through the street, a third policeman and two employees of the consulate were gunned down.

France's perceived support for the ruling regime has been criticised by other Western powers and has made its citizens a prime target for Islamic militants. Yesterday's assault brought the total number of French citizens assassinated in Algeria since September to 15. Another 41 foreigners have been killed in the same period as part of a strategy to destabilise the government.

Yesterday François Léotard, the French Defence Minister, appeared on television to explain the circumstances of the attack which occurred when police officers arrived to relieve those protecting the embassy residence. According to M Léotard, the car bomb was defused moments before it was primed to explode.

Yesterday the French government condemned the killings in the strongest terms, referring to them as an "act of barbarity" and recommending that all French citizens "whose presence is not absolutely indispensable" in Algeria return home as soon as possible. Those who must stay are being warned to exercise "the greatest possible vigilance", while those due to return to Algeria are being strongly advised not to.

In an urgent message to the Algerian authorities, Paris has also appealed for additional protection for the French community and called for the perpetrators to be arrested and brought to justice.

M Léotard and Alain Juppé, the Foreign Minister, flew to Algiers within hours of the news to pay their respects and offer support to embassy staff.

"It is necessary to impress upon the Algerian people, and notably upon those who engage in these sorts of acts, that they will not build up Algeria through hatred of the foreigner; that is madness," said M Léotard. "I believe we must extend our hand to the Algerian people who are suffering."

In May, a French priest and a nun who ran a library in the Algiers Casbah, were shot dead on the orders of the extremist Algerian Armed Islamic Group, known by its French initials GIA. Both had lived in Algeria since the late 1960s.

Claiming responsibility for the assassinations, the GIA released a statement to the Algerian press which said: "Within the framework of the policy of the liquidation of Jews, Christians and miscreants from the Muslim land of Algeria, a GIA brigade organised an ambush in which it killed two crusaders who had passed long years propagating evil in Algeria."



Léotard: flew to Algiers following the attack

Tehran condemns 'hypocrite' Britain

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

IRAN, smarting from allegations that it was behind last week's London bombings of Jewish targets, yesterday denounced Britain as a hypocritical second-rate power in thrall to the United States.

Iran's state-run media also accused Britain and the BBC of sponsoring terrorism by supporting the opposition Mujahidin Khalq, which Tehran has blamed for a recent spate of bombings and murders in Iran. The Mujahidin has denied involvement.

"The lack of independent action, blindly following American and Zionist whims, and a lack of ability to distinguish the truth have, on the whole, transferred Britain to a second-class and dependent country in Europe and the Middle East," Tehran radio said. The vehemence of the Iranian media attacks reflected fears in Tehran that Britain and America are preparing a diplomatic offensive to squeeze the faltering Iranian economy. "The atmosphere at the UN is similar to that before sanctions were imposed on Libya," said an Iranian businessman in Beirut.

It would be difficult for the United Nations Security Council to impose trade sanctions on Iran without compelling evidence of Tehran's involvement in the bombings. Suspicions of an Iranian role, however, have been sufficient for Washington to start putting pressure on Japan, Germany, Italy and France in its drive to contain Iran. All have thrown lifelines to Tehran with debt rescheduling and credit facilities.

Tehran radio said such "anti-Iranian policy" was not unprecedented in Britain, which it accused of supporting Iraq in its war with Iran.



An agricultural inspector examining dead emus on a farm in Western Australia. A vermin-proof fence to protect crops is blocking the migrating birds' route

Drought drives emus to death in hunt for water

FROM BELINDA GOLDSMITH IN PERTH

THOUSANDS of Australia's wild emus are killing themselves in a hunt for food and water as they smash into a fence that protects the crop-growing area of Western Australia, the state's Emu Farmers' Association said. Over the past two weeks up to 20,000 of the birds have fled dry land towards the fields.

Neville Munns, the association secretary, said on Tuesday that a 900-mile vermin-proof fence, which was erected early this century to keep animal pests away from crops, is blocking the migrating emus' journey. The fence begins 250 miles north of Perth, running inland from the coast and around the crop area. Mr Munns said the emus, who usually migrate every five years but in smaller numbers, are reported to be in very poor condition with no food or water.

"We have not seen anything like the extent of this current congregation since 1976," he said, adding that it would be economically unviable to take water or food to the birds, which were becoming more and more distressed. "It is a delicate situation, because if the emus stampede they can bowl the fence over and come into the crop area where they can cause considerable damage. Once in the crops they are like a steamroller, flattening everything in their way."

With drought hitting much of eastern Australia, the country is relying on Western Australia to provide half the forecast 1994-95 national wheat crop of 12.6 million to 13 million tonnes now in its early growth where planting has been possible.

Kevin Minson, Western Australia's Environment Minister, visited the emu area and heard two solutions. Emu farmers, who sell the birds' meat and hides, want to cull the wild emus and leave the bodies where they fall, because they are in poor condition. But sheep and cattle farmers want to harvest some of the birds for meat and skin. *(Reuter)*



Farmers want to cull thousands of birds

Regime of terror keeps Rwandans in cholera camps

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN KIGALI

Death and disease in the squalid refugee camps of eastern Zaire are failing to persuade almost one million Rwandans to return home, United Nations officials said yesterday that, despite meetings with elders, the refugees seemed determined to stay in the cholera and dysentery-afflicted camps.

For weeks, politicians and diplomats have been searching for answers on how to reconcile Rwanda's embittered factions, and lure refugees back to their country. George Moose, the US Assistant Under Secretary of State for Africa, said here yesterday that political reconciliation through power-sharing between the Hutu majority and Tutsi minority was the only way to achieve stability in Rwanda and encourage the refugees to return.

Ray Wilkinson, spokesman for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, said only 22,000 of the hundreds of thousands of refugees, who are dying in their hundreds every day of cholera, dysentery and other diseases, had returned. "It's going to be a massive effort to convince them," he said.

In the two weeks since the former rebel Rwandan Patriotic Force assumed power in Kigali, the Rwandan capital, UN officials have been exerting pressure on it to bring members of the former ruling party into the fold. Many of them still command authority among large sections of the population in Rwanda and in the refugee camps. So far, the UN's efforts have failed.

The new government leaders counter that they have included different political and ethnic factions. Although real power undoubtedly rests in the hands of Paul Kagame, the Vice-President and the general who masterminded the rebel victory, only eight of the 22 government posts went to his mainly Tutsi rebel force; moreover, the eight jobs were divided equally between Hutus and Tutsis.

The problem, the government claims, is not its lack of effort to unite the people, but the fact that very few members of the former ruling party, the Republican Movement for National Development, remain untarnished by the genocide of hundreds of thousands of Tutsis.

The new leaders have repeatedly said that there can be no reconciliation until those responsible for the mass killings are brought to justice. President Bizimungu, a Hutu, said this week that about 32,000 former government officials had been implicated in the genocide, and those found guilty at an international tribunal would face death. "Reconciliation cannot be built on impunity," he declared. "Justice must be the pillar of reconciliation."

The UN and America have backed the government's calls for the guilty to be tried. But the ousted party fears that talk of justice could easily be translated into the language of retribution. It is broadcasting tales of alleged bloody reprisals from a mobile radio station to the camps in Zaire, further frightening the refugees from returning home.

In some cases, the ousted regime has resorted to murdering government soldiers who had tried to return to Rwanda from Goma, according to UN officials. Such intimidation enforces the climate of fear among soldiers and refugees, and has reduced to a trickle the number of people heading home.

The UN now plans to tackle the problem and has begun establishing its own radio station to counter the propaganda. It also hopes to entice refugees to return by deploying multinational soldiers in the country; but all these efforts may yet take some time to convince the exiles to go home in significant numbers.



Bizimungu: seeks justice for genocide victims

☐ Geneva: The UN refugee agency is disappointed that some richer countries had failed to pledge funds for Rwanda. Sylvana Foa, its spokeswoman, said the usual donors such as America, Australia, Britain, Canada, Germany, The Netherlands and Sweden, were helping. Namibia, Malaysia and Tunisia had also contributed, but "some very rich countries had not". So far about $137 million (£89.5 million) has been pledged. The UN needs $434 million to finance its aid programmes for Rwandans. *(Reuter)*

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Execution demanded at Kurdish MPs' trial

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

PROSECUTORS in the Turkish state security court demanded the death penalty yesterday at the start of a trial of six Kurdish nationalist deputies. The scores of reporters, MEPs, and foreign observers who packed into the Ankara court suggested that Turkey was itself being hauled into a show trial for its inability to tolerate Kurdish dissent.

The deputies are charged with treason for having encouraged the break-up of the state. Advisers to Tansu Ciller, the Turkish Prime Minister, admit that the trial may well succeed where Kurdish activists have failed in turning international public opinion against Ankara over its fight with Kurdish separatists.

If so, Mrs Ciller has only herself to blame. Last March she encouraged parliament to lift the deputies' immunity in an attempt to court popularity before local elections on which her future depended. She is now being accused of giving in to a nationalist lobby that sees nothing wrong in isolating Turkey from its Western allies.

The prosecution will argue that the deputies were acting as the political wing of the revolutionary Kurdistan Workers' Party under orders from its self-exiled leader, Abdullah Ocalan. The defence will contend that the charges are improperly drawn up and based on the unreliable testimony of informers or information from illegal wire taps.

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Bosnian Serb leader is given notice to quit by the Kremlin

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT, AND JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

RADOVAN Karadzic's position as leader of the Bosnian Serbs was believed to be in jeopardy yesterday, as Russia persuaded the West to cease all contacts with him and his colleagues for refusing to accept the latest peace plan.

President Milosevic of Serbia, who accused the Bosnian Serbs of treason on Tuesday, has also agreed to Moscow's strategy of isolating the Bosnian Serb leadership, and told Russian envoys that the Yugoslav army supports the scheme. Senior Bosnian Serbs are expected to heap blame for their isolation on Dr Karadzic, fighting for his political life. There have been reports of arguments with Mr Milosevic in Belgrade and with his military leader, hardline General Ratko Mladic.

Russia is desperate to break the Bosnian deadlock to prevent any lifting of the arms embargo against the Bosnian Muslims. Russia acknowledges that General Mladic "may be a problem" if Dr Karadzic falls from power, but reportedly believes a rift in the Bosnian Serb leadership can be exploited. A British source said: "There is no reason for further contact with the Bosnian Serbs. If Dr Karadzic falls by the wayside, so be it."

Although the West has welcomed Mr Milosevic's condemnation, Vitali Churkin, Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister, said he did not want to go too far against Belgrade. It would be "paradoxical" if tougher sanctions were still applied after Mr Milosevic had come out in favour of pressuring the Serbs.

Bosnian Serb leaders again rejected an international peace plan yesterday, defying their patrons in Serbia and setting the stage for further war. A self-styled Bosnian Serb assembly was expected to follow the recommendation of its leaders last night.

In Pale, the Bosnian Serb capital, delegates gathered to discuss options in the wake of the rebuke from Mr Milosevic. One UN official said a meeting between Dr Karadzic and President Izetbegovic of Bosnia could be in the offing.

Just ten miles away in Sarajevo, the snipers continued their week-long campaign against pedestrians and residents using trams. At least three civilians were wounded.

Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, the commander of UN troops in Bosnia, yesterday reiterated his commitment to using force to secure Serb heavy weapons stored under UN control round Sarajevo. On Tuesday evening, Nato warplanes were on stand-by after the Serb military command sent General Rose a letter notifying him that soldiers would empty three of the weapons collection sites.

☐ **Rome:** The Vatican said yesterday it was sending a team to Sarajevo to explore the possibility of a visit by the Pope next month. *(Reuter)*

Karadzic: fighting for his political life



Ruslan Labazanov, one of the main opposition leaders to President Dudayev in the breakaway republic of Chechenia, with his gunmen

Moscow stirs Chechen feud

Moscow: Russia waged a war of nerves against the rebel leader of the breakaway republic of Chechenia yesterday, apparently hoping to topple President Dudayev without using force. Reports from Grozny, the capital of the north Caucasus republic, said it was calm and still in Mr Dudayev's hands, despite an announcement by his Moscow-backed opponents on Tuesday that he had been ousted.

The Kremlin, whose patience with Mr Dudayev's self-proclaimed independence snapped last week after a hostage seizure by Chechen gangsters in southern Russia, has said it will not send troops to remove him. But it swung its full weight behind the self-styled Provisional Council of Chechenia, whose decree assuming power was given pride of place in the official Moscow media.

The Council, headed by Umar Avtorkhanov, yesterday announced the appointment of a new chief prosecutor in the republic, with instructions to "restore constitutional order" and ensure the security of all citizens, Tass reported.

Russia's reluctance to risk direct military intervention in Chechenia is largely motivated by the failure of a bungled attempt to send troops there in November 1991, shortly after Mr Dudayev proclaimed independence. Other influential figures in the region, including Musa Shanibov, head of the unofficial Confederation of Peoples of the Caucasus, have told the Kremlin direct military intervention could touch off a general war involving other ethnic groups.

However, the Postfactum news agency said Mr Dudayev convened a meeting of military and security officials yesterday to discuss a reported build-up of Russian army and Interior Ministry troops on Chechenia's borders. Russia denied that Pavel Grachev, the Defence Minister, had broken his holiday to deal with the crisis. It also denied reports of troop movements. *(Reuter)*

Riviera crooks display naked ambition

FROM SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

AN all-woman gang of pickpockets operating on the Croisette in Cannes found the ideal way to divert the attention of holidaymakers this summer. As two of the women stripped off their bathing costumes and showered nude on the beach, a third rifled the pockets of wolf-whistling onlookers.

The Riviera has always enjoyed a rather shady reputation, but as reports of gangland-style shootings begin to replace those of purse snatching in the local press, the activities of petty thieves like the female gang are rapidly being overshadowed by organised crime.

The erosion of European frontiers has created lucrative opportunities for foreign crime syndicates to expand abroad. Southern France is a favoured target and authorities here are discovering that the Cosa Nostra, 'Ndrangheta and Camorra (the Sicilian, Calabrian and Neapolitan branches of the mob) have taken refuge on the Riviera, infiltrating the economy in ways almost impossible to weed out. Organised crime syndicates from Russia, Japan and South America are reported to be not far behind.

In the new single market, these groups are discovering opportunities to launder money into legitimate interests. Former drug barons are investing their money in property, casinos, restaurants and even golf courses.

Nor is local business necessarily averse to reaping some of the profits for itself. According to a French government report, banks in Marseilles, Avignon and Monaco have been cashing in on the crooks' money-laundering activities.

Charles Pasqua, the Interior Minister, has vowed to clean up the Côte d'Azur but the results of his crackdown are yet to be seen, and some are not optimistic. "I really think that organised crime has such a lock on the region that it can never be defeated," admitted one French politician who, perhaps for obvious reasons, wished to remain nameless.

BBC's soap opera gets Russia into free market lather

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

IF THE collapse of the MMM pyramid company in Moscow does not deal a mortal blow to confidence in the free market, Russians can thank a British-financed soap opera, now attracting unprecedented audiences.

House Seven, Entrance 4 is Russia's first soap opera, a snappy daily programme that draws heavily on the successful *Archers* formula while surreptitiously beaming the message of private enterprise, free markets and entrepreneurial initiative. The brainchild of John Tusa, a former managing director of the BBC World Service, it is largely funded by British taxpayers, through a £2 million grant from the Know-How fund, but has been embraced by Russians eager to learn how to set up their own business and escape the clutches of bureaucrats and the mafia.

The series is part of an unprecedented attempt at broadcasting philanthropy undertaken by the BBC, which includes regular business magazine programmes, tips on private agriculture, training in management and banking, and "troubleshooter" programmes, modelled on the British television series, which teach Russia's nascent managerial class how to cope with private enterprise.

Funded by The BBC Marshall Plan of the Mind, a name echoing America's postwar aid to Europe, the programmes reach a regular audience of up five million a week — an extraordinary change from a decade ago, when the BBC was reviled by the Communist regime.

The soap opera, especially, has proved so successful since its launch in January last year that the BBC has now moved into Ukraine, where the need for information is even greater. Agriculture, now in ruins in a country that could again become Europe's bread basket, is the main focus of a BBC Ukrainian-language television show.

The British advisers insisted that the series must show life as it is today, avoiding long didactic speeches which the Russian scriptwriters, schooled in Socialist Realism, wanted to insert at first. "The audiences don't just want the success stories; they want to know what to do if things go wrong," Mr Tusa explained yesterday.

Berlusconi soothes markets

FROM PHILIP WILLAN IN ROME

SILVIO Berlusconi's confident performance in parliament on Tuesday night and the renewed pledge of support from his coalition allies appeared yesterday to have reassured financial markets that the Italian government was not about to disintegrate, less than three months after taking office.

Commentators praised the Prime Minister's speech, broadcast on peak-time television, but complained that he had failed to answer the main questions hanging over the future of his administration.

"After arousing such expectations, it was legitimate to expect a few ferwer slogans and a greater precision on facts," said *Il Messaggero*. The Rome newspaper described Signor Berlusconi's speech as reminiscent of the cheerful optimism that characterised his election campaign. "In this space between words and facts lies the whole dilemma of Berlusconi's political future, but also that of our country."

Signor Berlusconi told the Chamber of Deputies that he was the only person with a popular mandate to govern and insisted that the first fruits of an economic recovery were starting to be seen.

Swedish double agent surrenders

FROM NICHOLAS GEORGE IN STOCKHOLM

SWEDEN'S most notorious traitor, who sold its defence plans to the Soviet Union, has given himself up to his country's authorities after almost seven years on the run.

Stig Bergling handed over details of the structure of the Swedish security services and of military installations when he served in United Nations peacekeeping forces and as a member of the Swedish security police during the 1970s. His spying was so extensive that much of the national defence system had to be revamped after he was caught.

He was arrested by Israeli intelligence officers in Tel Aviv in 1979 and sentenced by a Swedish court to life imprisonment. However, he escaped in 1987 while out of prison on overnight leave with his wife, a childhood sweetheart.

The couple took a ferry to Finland and were last positively identified near Helsinki, although reported sightings since have ranged from Moscow to South America. It now appears that Bergling spent most of his time in the Middle East. Police say the 57-year-old double agent phoned them out of the blue last Friday and asked for help to return. He was arrested at Arlanda airport, north of Stockholm, when he arrived on a commercial flight from Frankfurt.

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Lockerbie trial move by Libya

Cairo: Libya has drafted an amendment to the United Nations Security Council resolutions which would endorse The Hague as a possible site for the trial of two Libyans accused of blowing up an American airliner over Lockerbie in 1988, Libya's Foreign Minister said.

Omar Montasser said after a meeting with Amr Moussa, Egypt's Foreign Minister, that Libya would submit the amendment to the Security Council on August 15. *(Reuter)*

Reactor start-up

Paris: French nuclear regulators gave the green light to restart Superphénix, the fast breeder reactor which was left idle for four years in order to repair leaks in a cooling system. It could start up by the weekend. *(AP)*

Heavy dinner

Ankara: Chefs in Mengen, hailed as the seat of traditional Turkish cuisine, are to cook a tonne of pilaff rice for 20,000 people in a giant pot measuring 15ft wide to mark the eleventh annual Mengen Chefs Festival. *(Reuter)*

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MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

SYDERPINGHAM, the home village of the commander of the bowmen who won at Agincourt, is only a few miles from Cley in Norfolk. In *Henry V*, Sir Thomas Erpingham attributes his success, in part, to the quality of the yew trees from which his bows were made.

Sir Thomas may have owed his life to yews from an English churchyard, but at Cley, Spencer Maizels owes his continuing existence to the bark of the Pacific yew tree, *Taxus brevifolia*, from which Taxol, which has a marked effect in controlling the growth of aggressive tumours, is derived.

Last weekend, Mr Maizels, who is in his early 40s, dispensed his own medicine, a very good Pimms, with his usual charm and humour, despite the savage blows he has suffered over the past 15 months. In May 1993, he developed a particularly aggressive cancer of the stomach. After surgery to remove the stomach, he was treated by Dr Peter Harper, a consultant oncologist at Guy's Hospital, London, with fluorouracil. In order that a constant blood level of fluorouracil might be maintained, this was delivered by a small pump worn on his belt, which enabled Mr Maizels to continue his work as an international banker.

In March this year a scan showed that the growth had recurred and was obstructing the common bile duct. In consequence he was becoming jaundiced. Undaunted, Mr Maizels had a tube fitted into the duct so that the bile might flow and the jaundice was relieved.

Dr Harper changed his therapy and prescribed Taxol. Once again the cancer is in retreat, although not vanquished. Mr Maizels has accepted nature's onslaughts with a wry smile and continues to be hopeful that in his case remission will lead to cure. However, over the last week some irritation has shown on his face. His irritation is not caused by the treatment, his condition or his doctors, but by his private health insurers who have to date covered the cost of his care. The insurers, one of the smaller firms, had written to say that long term follow-up gastric cancer was not covered by their policy, which was concerned with acute illness and not chronic illness.

After protests, the insurance company, having apparently taken into account his switch to chemotherapy and the fitting of the tube, have relented, but Mr Maizels is angry that if there had been no change in his treatment they would have ceased to pay for the chemotherapy at a time when it appeared to be his life-support machine.

Although individual costs of chemotherapy are high, in overall terms they are not an enormous part of any budget. Last year the NHS bills for all anti-cancer drugs, and these charges presumably echo those in the private sector, were £29 million. This compares with the NHS laxative bill of £25 million.

As Dr Harper says: "My patients insure against the cost of catastrophe, for serious illnesses including cancer. Most are not very interested in reclaiming the fees charged for the treatment of ingrowing toenails."

Struck dead



IN THE NIGHT sky has recently been lit by storms of tropical ferocity and more are forecast. The standard advice neither to shelter under tall trees nor walk in open country sounds almost contradictory and every year a number of people are struck, and die, as the result of lightning.

Death by lightning is death by electrocution rather than by burning. In an ordinary fire the immediate cause of death is usually asphyxia from the slow inhalation of carbon dioxide or carbon monoxide.

In lightning, death is immediate and sudden, the result of being subjected to an electric shock of enormous voltage.

Death by lightning can be associated with unexpected injuries. As well as suffering burns caused by the flash, generalised skin burns tend to centre on any metal object such as fasteners, metal buttons, keys or zips which are magnetised.

The beating of the heart and respiration are stopped by the electrical shock. The flash also causes changes in air pressure around the patients so that the clothes are frequently ripped off their bodies by the rapid changes in the atmosphere.

Sometimes the skin may also be torn and bones broken by, as the late Dr Keith Simpson, the forensic pathologist wrote, "the sledgehammer effect of air being compressed and thrust in front of the lightning flash".

Survivor



MANY reports of the death of Caitlin Thomas, the widow of Dylan, have expressed surprise that she, and her liver, survived to the age of 80 despite the years of heavy drinking while married to the poet and having an even more rumbustious lifestyle after his death.

Mrs Thomas may well have owed her longevity to her marriage to a Sicilian, Giuseppe Fazio, who controlled her drinking, for even most female livers will in the majority of cases regenerate if given the opportunity. Women fare less well than men as both their anatomy and physiology reduce their ability to escape the adverse affects of unwise drinking.

Too much alcohol taken over a long period undoubtedly can cause a range of liver diseases — including the development of a fatty liver, hepatic fibrosis, alcoholic hepatitis and cirrhosis.

Even though there is a greater risk that Mrs Thomas's liver would develop cirrhosis than Dylan's, contrary to public opinion, only a minority of heavy drinkers of either sex will show these changes. Scientists, however, do not understand why British women develop cirrhosis more readily than their Continental counterparts.

● *My apologies to our septuagenarian and octogenarian readers for the misprint on July 12 that they had a 70 per cent chance of developing glaucoma: it should have been 7 per cent.*

Running on empty

Dr Trisha Greenhalgh, a former international triathlete, on the dangers of compulsive exercise



BILLY STICKLAND

Sprint to victory: but will the medal-winners at this month's European championships and Commonwealth Games be too thin for their own good?

TOP-CLASS runners are awfully thin these days, aren't they? A GP friend of mine recently stood in for the official doctor at a major athletics meeting and said afterwards: "Well, they may be fast, but it seems to me that every single one of them is *ill*!"

There is no doubt that in middle and long distance running, thinness confers a distinct competitive advantage. But extreme thinness makes doctors' internal alarm bells ring with suspicions of cancer, tuberculosis, Aids and intestinal malabsorption. Several things — notably cholesterol levels and alcohol intake — exhibit the so-called J-shaped relationship with health, with very low levels being worse for you than low to moderate levels. Intuitively, body weight might seem to follow the same pattern.

In fact, some people are naturally (constitutionally) very thin — that is, their bodies function quite normally at a weight which would indicate illness or malnutrition in most of us. In the days before Twiggy made it fashionable, a scrawny physique, invariably associated with delayed puberty and pitifully small breasts, was a major source of concern for a teenage girl and her parents. One ancient paediatric textbook contains a photograph of a constitutionally thin child with the caption: "There is no effective treatment for this psychologically disabling condition."

Liz McColgan's successful pregnancy and bouncing baby daughter are proof that constitutionally thin women runners are not as physiologically compromised as they look. The trouble is that most athletes of McColgan's build are thin not by nature but by design.

Surveys of élite female runners have found many to be obsessive calorie-counters who follow restricted, repetitive and nutritionally deficient diets and consistently exaggerate their reported food intake. A recent survey of more than 4,000 recreational runners found that 8 per cent of the men and 24 per cent of the women had attitudes to food suggestive of a major eating disorder (anorexia or bulimia nervosa).

As long as they are bringing the medals home, does this matter? One important cut-off between "healthy" and "unhealthy" thinness in women is the presence of regular periods. If periods have stopped (secondary amenorrhoea) or never started (primary amenorrhoea), a female athlete will inevitably develop the bone-thinning disease osteoporosis, where calcium salts in the spinal column and legs literally dissolve into the bloodstream and are washed away in the urine.

It is now known that bone density lost during puberty and early adulthood is never regained, and today's garlanded young champion may well become tomorrow's frail old hunchback as vertebral crush fractures take their toll. Some sports physicians prescribe the Pill, or even hormone replacement therapy, to protect against this complication. Although weight-bearing exercise provides partial protection against osteoporosis, malnourished athletes are at high risk of soft tissue injuries and stress fractures.

It is generally believed that people with eating disorders take up aerobics or jogging in order to burn off calories. However, a review in the *International Journal of Eating Disorders* (January, 1994) suggests that exercise addiction is often the underlying problem, with abnormal behaviour towards food coming later. In one study cited in the review, 25 of 33 anorexic patients took exceptionally high levels of exercise which in 21 cases pre-dated the onset of dieting and weight loss. In another study of patients with "activity anorexia", almost all of them claimed to be in pursuit of fitness rather than slimness and 60 per cent had begun exercising before dieting.

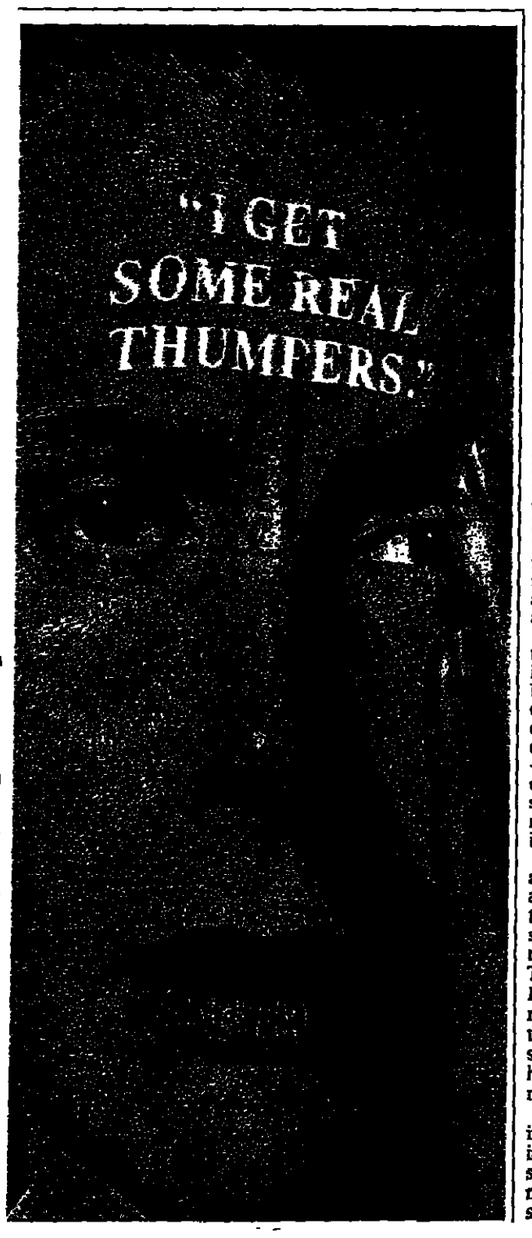
Dr Penny Lloyd, consultant psychiatrist, and Clive Long, psychologist, run an eating disorders unit at St Andrew's Hospital, Northampton. Their patients, 10 per cent of whom are men, include ballet dancers, gymnasts, runners, jockeys and general fitness addicts. Patients often show stereotyped routines such as counting a certain number of sit-ups before going to bed. Since they associate the exercise routines with fitness and therefore with health, treatment for this aspect of their condition is often difficult. With in-patient management, individual cognitive-behavioural therapy and a graded reintroduction of exercise which can be taken only when there is weight gain, the Northampton workers achieve a long-term cure rate of about 67 per cent.

The phenomenon of "runners' high" (a feeling of well-being accompanying regular hard training, attributed variously to the hormones endorphin, adrenaline and prolactin) is thought to produce a vicious circle of hyperactivity and compulsive dieting in susceptible individuals.

This theory stems partly from a famous experiment on rats — one group was allowed access to a running wheel and given unrestricted food, while two other groups, of which one had access to the running wheel, were fed on a restricted diet. The first group increased their food intake to compensate for extra energy burnt on the wheel; the food-restricted rats without access to the wheel lost weight initially and then stabilised at a lower weight. But the third group — food-restricted with access to the wheel — seemed to develop a pathological compulsion for running. They spent more than three times as long on the wheel as rats who were not food-restricted, and they all starved to death.

If you are a keen runner, you may recognise the features of compulsive exercise: insisting on exercising daily, as if life depended on it; "withdrawal symptoms" (irritability, anxiety or depression) when restrained from exercising; and continuing to exercise even when it is socially and medically disadvantageous to do so. If, in addition, you have features of an eating disorder — abnormal body image (believing you are fat when you are thin), abnormal behaviour towards food (weighing your food and cutting it up into tiny pieces), attempt to reduce food absorption (self-induced vomiting or laxative abuse) and "energy debting" (using estimates of energy expended in exercise sessions to determine your next day's food intake) — you are probably suffering from activity anorexia and may need urgent psychiatric help, even if you are sporting a Great Britain vest.

● *Dr Greenhalgh is a GP in North London.*



Unravelling the mystery of sleep and memory

Why we all need a nap



KATE MUIR

SLEEP and dreaming may be essential aids to memory and learning, according to a report in *Science* magazine. Two separate teams, one working in America with memory in rats, and another in Israel testing memory in humans, have concluded that the replaying and reordering of memories in sleep helps animals to remember territory, and people to learn new skills and information.

Previous studies showed that sleep deprivation can impair the ability to remember certain events, but the new experiments indicate that dreaming sleep — the rapid eye-movement (REM) phase — is the period when people consolidate memory, and skills like skiing or playing a musical instrument tend to improve after a night's sleep.

The report has been hailed as a breakthrough: "Despite all of the ideas we've had over the millennia, no one understands why we sleep. It's a major scientific mystery," said Terence Sejnowski of the Salk Institute's medical department in California. "This is the first hint of a new understanding of how sleep may help you to reorganise your memory."

This confirms experiments in Canada on students studying for examinations which showed that their performance improved after some sleep, whereas those who stayed awake all night relying on short-term memory were less successful next day.

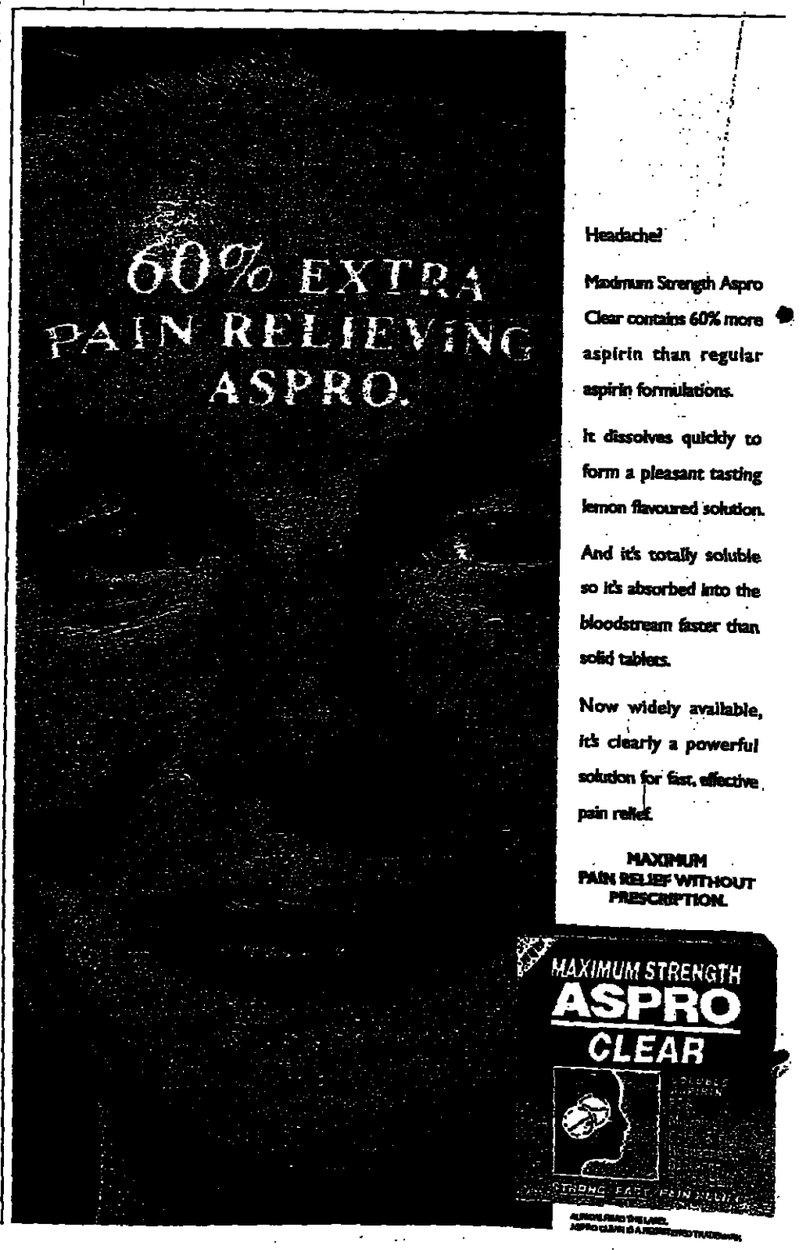
Dr Avi Karni and Dr Dov Sagi, of the Weizmann Institute in Israel, focused their experiments on procedural memory, which involves repetitive movements such as learning a new sport. Subjects were asked to perform a simple task — spotting objects in their peripheral field of vision. After several days' practice, most people improved at the task, but the best results were seen in those who slept between sessions.

TO TEST which sort of sleep — slow-wave, dreamless sleep or REM sleep — is best for memory improvement, the doctors deprived half the group of REM sleep, and the other half of slow-wave sleep. "With dream-sleep deprivation, learning did not improve at all," wrote Dr Karni. "But subjects who were awakened during slow-wave sleep but allowed to dream showed distinct improvement over the night."

Scientists are still not sure exactly what happens during dreaming sleep to improve memory, but the rat experiments by Dr Matthew Wilson and Dr James McNaughton at Arizona University show that animals activate the same area of the brain in sleep as they do when awake and exploring new territory. Cells in the hippocampus activated when the rat investigates its surroundings are used again during sleep.

IN ANIMALS, the hippocampus stores spatial memories — where to hunt, how to find home — and in humans it stores the day's events. So the hippocampus appears to be a central clearing house for memory. Dr Wilson suspects that the neurons in the hippocampus strengthen the links between neurons in other parts of the brain, where various aspects of each memory are stored — say the colour, smell and emotion associated with an event. Then when a memory is wanted, its parts are pulled together.

Dr Wilson believes that the hippocampus replays the memories during sleep, but the brain does more than repeat them. It seems to reorganise the memories to create a more useful package of information than the original, randomly stored during the day.



A marriage made on Mars

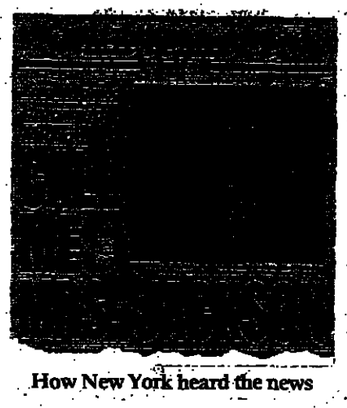
Ben Macintyre on the unlikely love story that is sending New York's tabloids more than usually bonkers

Reading America's supermarket tabloids is one of the high points of my week: an exercise in the willing suspension of disbelief when I can marvel at "Aliens turned my baby into an olive", or "Wife bald from sneezing", or even "I was raised by goats".

Suddenly that has changed, with an event so utterly weird, so outlandish, so, well, extra-terrestrial, that all else seems mundane.

The marriage of pop star Michael Jackson to Lisa Marie Presley, bringing together the great houses of Graceland and Neverland, is an event far stranger than fiction which has released the bottom-feeders in the American media from any residual grip on reality. The tabloids are in Never Never Land, spiralling off into fantasy and safe in the knowledge that nothing they might invent could be quite so odd as the truth.

The psychics are out in force, and the father of the bride, still alive or floating in the firmament near the Burgerland restaurant in Kalamazoo these 17 years, has had little peace since the news broke. Some channelers insist that Elvis has been contacted and has given his blessing to the unlikely union between his only daughter and one of the strangest, richest men in the world.



How New York heard the news

Others reliably inform us that The King is livid at his daughter's choice of soul-mate. "If Elvis is not dead," goes the quip, "then this will surely kill him." On the other hand, the undead King must already know his son-in-law fairly well, since Mr Jackson has not been resident on this planet for many years.

The astrologer of the *New York Daily News*, Joyce Jillson, consulted her charts and reckoned that the couple were "destined to be each other's guardian angels in this lifetime", but added that according to the stars "there is every reason to believe that this Presley-Jackson union has not been traditionally consummated". Which is interesting, when gossip columnist Liz Smith reckons the new Mrs Jackson is two months pregnant.

Perhaps the most surreal aspect of the drama is the scene outside Trump Tower on Fifth Avenue, the quiet honeymoon hideaway selected by the happy couple, where throngs of tourists, journalists and Elvis impersonators mingle merrily in the soggy heat.

And presiding over the mêlée is the squire of Trump Tower, tycoon Donald Trump, resident in floors 66, 67, and 68. He has, according to one source, invented a new game. A vast limousine periodically pulls up at the front door, sending the paparazzi into a frenzy of anticipation and then, who should emerge to a deafening volley of camera shutters but ... *Donald Trump*.

The unreal atmosphere is contagious. Henry Kissinger's 1994 Mercedes-Benz has mysteriously vanished from a garage on the Upper East Side — it is the work of Martians, have no doubt. Ah, the rich, the varied, the inexhaustible fund of weirdness to be mined here.

Mrs Jackson-Presley's membership of the Church of Scientology, and Mr Jackson's possible conversion to that religion, has provided useful grounds for dark speculation about the couple's spiritual and mental well-being. But perhaps the strangest remark was offered in a statement by the Church of Scienfology itself. "We consider marriage and a happy family to be the most valuable building blocks of a stable society and we wish the newlyweds the very best for the future."

Mr Jackson has been described as many things in his time, but never one of society's stable building blocks.

Television talk-show host David Letterman, looking [illegible] squeaky, chipmunk voice keeps away twice", and so on.

Almost unnoticed, a blue van with tinted windows was waiting at a side entrance to Trump Tower on Tuesday, and then abruptly disappeared. As the crowd outside waited, the odd couple may have already fled to another, better place. Tomorrow's headline is almost inevitable: "Elvis provides newlyweds with new marital home, on Mars".

Darwin's castaways

Nigel Hawkes reports on the husband and wife scientists who found evolution in action on the Galapagos islands



BARRY GREENWOOD

Peter and Rosemary Grant: their observations of finches on the islands suggest that evolutionary changes occur faster than previously thought

For 20 years two British scientists, Peter and Rosemary Grant, have been watching evolution in action in the Galapagos Islands. Their work, celebrated this week with the publication of an extraordinary book, *The Beak of the Finch*, by Jonathan Weiner, has demonstrated that Darwin's ideas about evolution by natural selection are not only persuasive in theory but true in fact.

The Grants, co-equals in their marriage and their research, have assembled the evidence by following every movement of a group of birds made famous by Darwin, the ground finches. This is birdwatching with a difference: for two decades no finch has been able to breed, make a nest, or die on the tiny island of Daphne Major in the centre of the Galapagos archipelago without being recorded.

The island is small enough for the Grants to know every bird individually, yet large enough for the numbers to be statistically significant. Uninviting and never inhabited, it has no beach and only a single perilous landing place. A volcanic crater sticking from the Pacific, Daphne Major is so small that you can walk around the rim of the crater in 20 minutes.

This week the Grants were in England for a brief visit from their base at Princeton University, New Jersey. When they first went to the island in 1973, Peter Grant says, they had no means of knowing that it would prove so productive a laboratory. But since then, they have been able to document the effect on the finches of some of the most extreme evolutionary pressures imaginable.

"We did know that it was a very interesting place to study evolution," he says. "But we didn't know we were in for the El Niño event of the century." El Niño — the Child — is a climatic aberration which begins when a patch of warm water appears in the Eastern Pacific. Strange winds and weather spread worldwide, but in the Galapagos its effects can be cataclysmic.

Darwin's finches have a special place in the history of evolution because of the exquisite gradations in the size and shape of their beaks. On the Galapagos, there are 13 distinct species, with beaks as varied and as apparently specialised as the pairs of pliers in an electrician's toolkit. *Geospiza magnirostris*, the most powerful, has a parrot-like beak big enough to crack open the heavy seeds that no other finch can manage. The cactus finch, *Geospiza scandens*, on the other hand, has a fine beak to extract cactus seeds.

Darwin believed that differences such as these were sufficient to determine the fate of any species. "What a trifling difference must often determine which shall survive, and which perish," he wrote. "The smallest grain in the balance, in the long run, must tell on which death shall fall, and which shall survive."

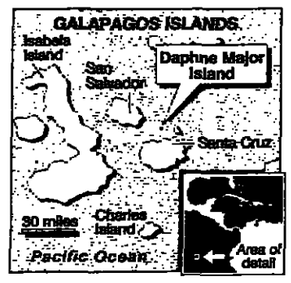
But Darwin himself never observed the process in action, and nor did his successors. In the 1930s, indeed, the finches were dismissed by one ornithologist, Percy Lowe, as "hybrid swarms", whose variations would prove as meaningless as the random colours of stray cats and dogs in an alley.

The Grants, their daughters and their collaborators have now watched about two dozen generations of finches on Daphne Major — about 20,000 birds in all. When a newborn bird is eight days old, they ring it. Later, they measure its legs, its wingspan, and its beak. Each finch is photographed, in profile, at a distance of 27 centimetres, and a drop of blood taken from the base of its wing for DNA analysis.

For the first few years of the study, in the 1970s, the finches had it easy. There was plenty of rain, and lots to eat. But then, in 1977, when the Grants' colleagues, Peter Boag and Laurene Ratcliffe, were on watch, the rains failed. Between March 1976 and December 1977, almost no rain fell.

The birds died in their hundreds: just one finch in seven survived the drought. But what was striking was that within each species, it was the ones with the biggest beaks that did survive. Males outsurvived females, because they are typically 5 per cent larger. Tiny variations had made the difference between life and death. And because offspring inherit their beak size from their parents, the next generation was larger, on average, than the one before.

Then, in 1983, came the other extreme. El Niño swamped the island with rain, and a desert turned into a swamp. The birds bred frantically and by June numbers were up from a low of only a few hundred to 2,000. The effect was as striking as the drought had been. Natural selection seemed to have gone into reverse: now it was the small birds, with small beaks, that had the advantage.



The island is so small the couple came to know every bird on it

The reason took some working out. Thanks to the explosive growth of creeping vines, the plants that produce big seeds were swamped; and it was too wet for the cactus to flourish. As a result, a year later there were plenty of small seeds around to eat, but relatively fewer big ones. The small birds had a picnic, but the big birds were not so lucky. They could also eat the small seeds, but being big they needed many more of them, and their beaks were not so well-adapted.

These switchback changes showed just how quickly the balance of a population could be changed: not over millions of years, as we generally think about evolution, but within a single year. But what about the other question left dangling in Darwin's scheme of things? How do new species emerge?

One clue to this came in some observations that the Grants made about hybrids. From time to time, individual finches choose to breed with members of another species. Rosemary Grant says that only a few per cent in each of the main populations do so, and that during the drought years, the offspring of such mixed matches fared poorly. But things changed when the rains came. After that, some of the hybrids did better than the pure-breds.

"What are the evolutionary consequences of hybridisation?" she says. "We'd like to have the answer to that, and we shall have in two or three years' time." In exceptional circumstances it might create a variety that would take off, and create the starting point of a new species.

"The hybrids have the potential to lead in a new evolutionary direction," Rosemary Grant says.

However, this would happen only when selection pressures were very strong because otherwise interbreeding with the birds in the old lines would soon eliminate any advantage.

It would be just as easy for species to be lost as gained. If conditions continue to favour hybrids, the work of evolution could be undone, creating a single species where now there are several. Within a century or two, the Grants have estimated, it would be possible for natural selection to create a new species, or to fuse three of the existing species into one.

This is work of huge fascination and importance, clothing the ideas of Darwin with the mantle of precise measurement. And Jonathan Weiner, an American science writer, is the perfect chronicler of this work. Both Peter and Rosemary Grant salute the book as an accurate and beautifully turned account of their work. It is, however, more than this, exploring the science of evolution more broadly and the criticisms it has had to overcome. It has every chance of becoming a classic.

● The Beak of the Finch: evolution in real time, *by Jonathan Weiner, is published by Jonathan Cape at £18.99.*

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Why Caitlin Thomas is following a famous tradition

Love lies buried

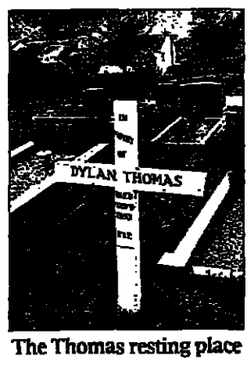
The turbulent, drunken and ultimately doomed marriage of Dylan and Caitlin Thomas has finally found a kind of peace. Forty years after the poet's death, Caitlin will be buried beside his body in Laugharne, Dyfed — the surprise final wish of a woman who asked, as Thomas lay dying, "is he bloody dead yet?"

Constantly fighting while alive, and on the point of divorce when Dylan, described by his wife as "an absolute shit", died after a drinking binge, theirs was a love fulfillable only in death.

It was ever so. The 12th-century French lovers Eloise and Abelard, whose relationship ended in a tragic separation after they were caught *in flagrante delicto*, eventually found solace underground. Eloise died 21 years after Abelard and was admitted to his tomb, which survives to this day at the Père Lachaise cemetery in Paris, a place of homage for many a miserable teenage couple.

Shakespeare, who had the tragedy of Eloise and Abelard in mind when he wrote *Romeo and Juliet*, allowed old man Capulet to make up for past misdemeanours by letting Romeo, in death, "by his lady lie". His reluctance to allow Romeo to do so when he was alive having been the principal cause of the couple's demise.

Perhaps it is the presence in poetry of so many lovers buried together that has encouraged literary couples to follow suit. Sexual jealousy may also have played a part. According to Elaine Feinstein, author of *Lawrence's Women: An Intimate Life of D.H. Lawrence*, the novelist's cremated remains became a focus of attention for one of the neighbours. His wife, Frieda, became worried that the neighbour, one Mabel Lodge, might have designs on the urn.



The Thomas resting place

To set her mind at rest she had it set in concrete in a small shrine in New Mexico to prevent theft by Mabel, or any other of Lawrence's lady friends. Frieda herself was buried only yards from her husband.

EARLIER this year, Jackie Onassis was in a quandary as to where to be buried. She plumped for a spot in Washington, next to John F. Kennedy, rather than choosing to lie for eternity with Aristotle Onassis, who had left her a £15 million inheritance. In attendance at the funeral was a short, balding man called Maurice Templeman. The 64-year-old diamond merchant, who was Jackie's lover at the time of her death, is not expected to lie on her other side.

It is not money that will prevent him from doing so, although, according to Co-operative Funeral Services, which is responsible for 30 per cent of burials in Britain, the cost of side-by-side burial makes it extremely rare. The privilege, in other words, of the rich and famous.

Jean Paterman, the chairman of the Friends of Highgate Cemetery, explains that restricted space has made "double sites" prohibitively expensive at the famous private cemetery. "In general, people are buried on top of each other nowadays," she says. "A single grave can be dug deep enough for husband and wife, and even children, to be buried in the same surface area."

BEFORE overcrowding became a problem, however, Highgate residents had a much freer rein in their choice of burial place. Karl Marx was buried in his wife's lowly grave in 1883 and then moved to a better spot in 1954 to allow access for his multitude of admirers. The poet Dante Gabriel Rossetti, on the other hand, is conspicuous by his absence — his wife Elizabeth lies alone.

When George Eliot died in 1880 she was buried at Highgate, just in front of her former lover George Lewes, while John Cross, the man she had actually married, was interred some 30 yards away. So much for the sensitivity of the woman who ended *The Mill on the Floss* with the biblical allusion "in their death they were not divided".

Nor were the Wests, of California, divided in 1977. After a long court battle Sandra West won the right to be buried next to her husband Ike, sitting in a blue Ferrari and wearing a lace nightgown. She was duly buried according to her wishes, because she had agreed to have the windows of the Ferrari closed.

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Janet Daley



I was a first generation Rolling Stone — but I've gathered some moss since then

Were we a generation of geniuses or what? I find myself glowing with reflected glory at the triumph of the Rolling Stones, if not Marianne Faithfull. At fifty-ish, we survivors of the 1960s still seem to be better at being young than anybody who came later. Alas, a genius for being young was all that it amounted to. The 1960s were the worst possible preparation for middle age. Those who failed to renounce what they believed in then — or at least to admit that what they stood for was not so much a programme as a mood — have wreaked havoc in huge swathes of public life.

Love and freedom may be all you need when you are an unencumbered (and well-educated) 20-year-old but they are disastrously inadequate as a recipe for — to mention but two notable spheres — raising children and running a mass education system.

Of course we could not have foreseen that it would all end in nihilism: that without structures and even, heaven forbid, the concept of authority, most people would not feel free — they would just feel frightened.

The 1960s were really the last 20 seconds of the 18th century. Like Rousseau (another self-indulgent libertine), we imagined that making people free would make them good. Licensing people to behave badly did not come into it at all.

And not only did the great permissive revolution permit — even encourage — people to behave with unbridled egotism, but it made the concept of authority itself so loathsome that no one wanted to be associated with it. Those who would have (and should have) been prepared to accept their responsibilities as parents, educators and upholders of the law preferred to identify with those whom they should have been controlling, especially the people who were in active rebellion against any sort of established institution.

Schooling was just a conspiracy to make you conform: remember the lyrics of that seminal pop song "Another Brick in the Wall"? Rationality itself was a prison which limited one's freedom to experience life in its pure, sensual form. No one wanted to see himself as a grown-up in the sense that previous generations had understood.

Yes, I was there and I believed it. Well, at least, most of it. Do I have regrets? Not really. Perhaps I am deluding myself, but I honestly think that my era was a version of the 1960s which has now become hopelessly confounded in the cultural memory with a corrupted version which came later.

My Sixties began in 1964 in the United States. At Berkeley, the Free Speech Movement invented what was to become the international style of student revolution. To see the difference between us and our decadent imitators, it is necessary to know precisely what happened at Berkeley. A student body which had a reputation for well-organised activism (particularly on civil rights) returned to campus in September to discover that an edict had been handed down by the university's board of regents that henceforward *no political activity of any kind could take place on university premises*. No meetings, no fund-raising, no posters, no invited speakers, no leaflets to be distributed on any part of the campus, not even in its outdoor spaces or in the student union.

This fiat — rumoured to have been at the behest of local business interests, which disliked being picketed by students for racist employment practices — was a clear breach of civil rights as guaranteed by the Constitution. This was no juvenile daydream of political oppression: it was a flagrant denial of basic freedoms of speech and assembly to a group of citizens who happened to reside at the University of California.

> The Sixties' true spirit is confounded with a debased form

American students went on to risk their futures by burning draft cards in protest at the Vietnam War, and to risk their lives by registering black voters in Mississippi. In short, this was serious stuff. The way of life may have included sexual freedoms which shocked our parents, but those were not of the essence. To the extent that we rebelled against authority, it was in the name of a pure unsullied moral code. If anything, we were puritanical and self-denying: deliberately renouncing the secure affluent futures which would have been our birthright.

But then I came to London and found boutiques called "Che". Far from turning their backs on comfort and pleasure, these children of ther 1960s were outright hedonists. What they were rebelling against were the material deprivations of post-war Britain and the class-conscious passivity of their parents. Which is why Britain's main contribution to the era was rock music.

The student politics here were always second-hand and, to anybody who had lived through the real thing, faintly contemptible. Because the causes were borrowed and the behaviour was imitative, the movements repelled just those people whose disciplined rationality is essential to avoid a collapse into neurotic self-indulgence.

So do take pride in the Rolling Stones. Middle-class hedonists as they were, they were the most honest thing Britain produced in the 1960s.

Ever since wartime strikes were hushed up, liberal Tories have been too soft, says **Andrew Roberts**

Appeasing the strikers who cost us dear

As it sinks in that the recession is over and economic recovery is happening, we can expect a resurgence in trade union militancy. The Rail, Maritime and Transport union's decision to strike twice a week rather than once may be a harbinger of the coming fight. So it is time to warn the Conservative Party of the consequences of a return to the craven stance which their liberal wing has adopted towards organised labour since the war.

The party has often been an appeaser, to the detriment of national well-being. Between 1951 and 1974, employment policies were tilted disastrously against the employer, and successive Tory Ministers of Labour quivered before the trade union barons as inflation induced by wage claims well above productivity spelt doom for British competitiveness.

The absurd goal of full employment came to be accepted by Tories as being worthwhile in itself, rather than a temporary by-product of an over-revved economy. When the inevitable consequences of full employment — over-manning, inefficiency and indiscipline in the labour market — made themselves felt, the liberal Tories merely studied their toe-caps. There can be no better indication of the problem we are about to face than the sight of ministers like David Hunt now embracing this dangerous will-o'-the wisp of full employment.

How did the trade union movement manage to build up such moral authority that the Tories felt emasculated when issues such as the closed shop, secondary picketing, postal balloting, and compulsory voting before strikes arose?

Much of this authority was the result of a romantic view among liberal Conservatives of the role of organised labour during the Second World War. Ernest Bevin was seen as a poacher-turned-gamekeeper at the Ministry of Labour, who had ended trade union militancy in the face of the Nazi threat. This myth was sedulously peddled by the Ministry of Information, which trumpeted positive industrial relation stories and played down negative ones. The truth was very different.

According to the Ministry of Labour's trades disputes book, even during the Battle of Britain and the Blitz there were continual strikes — even in industries central to national survival, such as aircraft production and shipbuilding. Despite Bevin's declaration of June 4, 1940 that "in this period of national emergency it is imperative that there should be no stoppage of work owing to trade disputes", they were in fact constant.

In the First World War, there had been an average of 814 stoppages a year, but in the Second War, this nearly doubled to 1,527, despite the far more immediate danger to the British Isles. Nearly a million working days were lost in strikes in 1940, and this rose to more than 3.7 million by 1944. In that year — which also saw D-Day and the Ardennes Offensive — there were 2,194 stoppages, some lasting up to 20 weeks.

In September 1940, when Britain was under daily threat of invasion, Sir Frederick Leggett, the chief industrial commissioner at the Ministry of Labour, felt that with London dockers and Clyde shipbuilders both on strike, "compulsion or even the threat of it might lead to widespread stoppages". By September, Bevin's June declaration was effectively dead, and by April 1941 the police were instructed not to support employers who attempted to invoke it.

On May 21, 1940, as the British Expeditionary Force was retreating on the Continent, 144 men at the Blantyre colliery outside Glasgow struck over "a disagreement between machinemen as to which employee should take over cutting work in a new section". While the small boats were ferrying troops back from the Dunkirk beaches nine days later, 70 maintenance staff at the A.V. Roe aircraft works in Manchester downed tools after the dismissal of an employee accused of falsifying the time of his arrival at work.

No fewer than 4,426 days were lost at the De Havilland aircraft construction factory in Edgware between the 6th and the 24th of August 1940, when the Battle of Britain was at its height, over the "transfer of four capstan fitters from the firm to other work of national importance". The shipbuilding industry, upon which the survival of the nation also depended, suffered strikes in July, September and October in Hartlepool, Plymouth and South Shields.

The Ministry of Information played down such incidents, or even censored them altogether. It depicted organised labour as having been uniformly selfless during the war. The myth was to cost the nation dear.

In fact, the industrial proletariat had been crudely bought off; between October 1938 and July 1945, according to Ministry of Labour figures, earnings across a wide range of major industries and services were increased by as much as 80 per cent. Nevertheless, liberal Tories remained in thrall to the myth after the war, and the taxpayer, both directly and indirectly, paid through the nose for it.

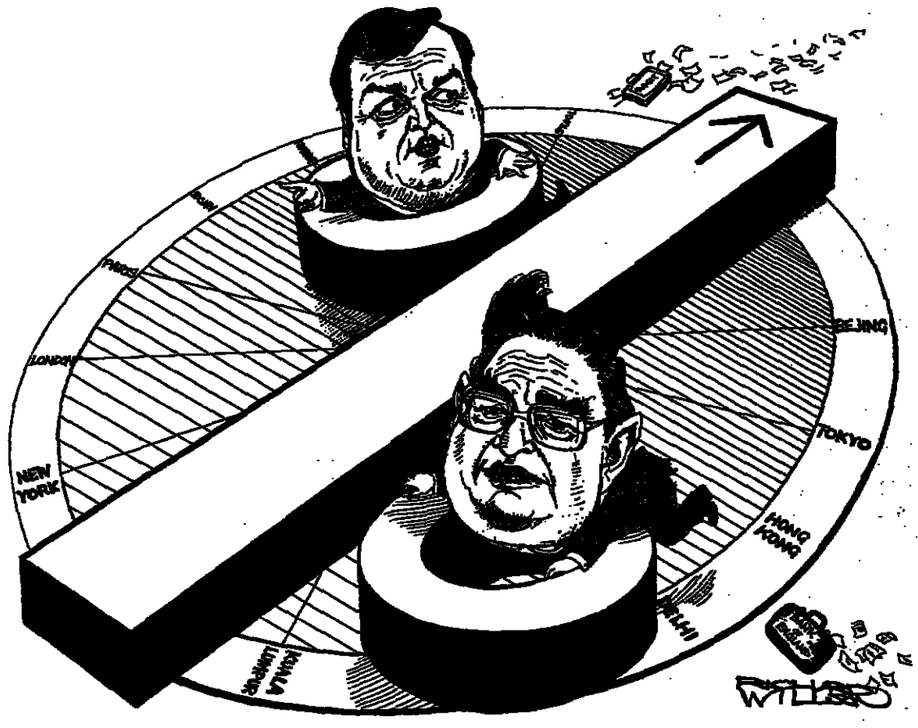
One of the greatest achievements of Margaret Thatcher's Governments was to reduce the ability of trade unions to hold Britain to ransom. At vast cost, especially during the miners' strike of 1984-85, she established free-market dominance over trade union militancy. Sequestration of funds, threatened criminal prosecution and an uncompromising toughness won those battles, and it is a terrifying thought that those victories may now be put at risk by a future loss of nerve amongst Conservatives.

John Major's Government has backtracked and appeased over taxes, over Ulster, over public expenditure, over the 48-hour week, over Bosnia, over criminal justice, over qualified majority voting in the EU and over a federalist President of the European Commission. Now that we can hear the distant booming of the guns of the coming battle it must not be allowed to appease again.

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The Goldsmith standard

Europe and America face a period of great strain as their control of the world's resources is finally challenged



William Rees-Mogg

Who decides interest rates? Is it the Chancellor of the Exchequer or the Governor of the Bank of England? Neither. Interest rates are determined by world markets; they ultimately reflect the balance between the world supply of savings and the world demand for investment. These world interest rates can then be massaged by local central banks; central bankers can push local short-term rates a little above or below their appropriate level, which will affect the local level of unemployment and the exchange rate of the national currency. Long-term rates are set almost entirely by the world market; the market is of course concerned with real rates, taking account of expectations of future exchange values, and not with merely nominal rates.

The discovery of this awkward reality was the first great shock of Bill Clinton's presidency, as Bob Woodward has revealed. When he came to office, Clinton found that the bond market had the power to decide which of his election policies he could carry out, and which he could not. The only way a government can obtain control of interest rates is by imposing exchange controls, as Hitler did in 1933; such an economy can be insulated, at least temporarily, from the world market for savings and investment. But without exchange controls, the world market decides what will happen.

So in order to forecast the likely trend of interest rates, one must look outwards at the world market, rather than inwards to the British economy or the Bank of England. Although it does not feel like it, the world is currently experiencing the greatest economic expansion in the history of mankind. In the advanced world, there is a recovery from recession, running at a current rate of around 3.5 per cent growth in the US, though rather more slowly in Europe. In the emerging world there are extraordinarily rapid rates of growth. Gross domestic product is currently growing at 12.7 per cent a year in China, 11 per cent in Singapore, 8.4 per cent in Malaysia, 6.6 per cent in Indonesia and 4.5 per cent in India.

The advanced world has a population of about 850 million people, but these five Asian countries have a population of more than 2.2 billion. The countries in the emerging world which are growing faster than the Euro-American average probably now have a population of close to 3 billion in Asia alone, and there either are or will be another 500 million in Latin America, Eastern Europe and Russia. There are several reasons for this great boom in the emerging world. The central reason is that smart machines now transfer technology more or less instantaneously. The timescale for the development of a modern industrial economy has been cut down from generations to years or months.

We do not need elaborate econometric models to see some of the economic consequences of this. Obviously an expansion at this rate among so vast a population is going to put pressure on the supply of many commodities. Three billion people will be eating more, drinking more, and using more oil, copper and other industrial raw materials. World commodity prices have been rising for the past year or so, and they will rise much further, as will the price of gold. This has nothing to do with local British inflation, though it will raise British prices. The 3 billion people will also be investing more, and using a larger proportion of the world's savings.

These investments in the emerging world are already generating huge profits, which are largely being reinvested, particularly by the offshore Chinese. At some later stage they will generate a surplus of savings, but at this stage the rise in world investment demand is outstripping the rise in world savings. Real world interest rates will therefore continue to rise. Most of the emerging world investment is generating a return of substantially more than 20 per cent on capital employed. In competition for the world's savings, the emerging world will be able to set the market rate, which the Euro-American countries cannot necessarily afford to pay.

The effect on our part of the world is likely therefore to be one of higher real interest rates and higher unemployment. The value of assets, such as houses, could rise in domestic terms, but fall in terms of other currencies. The competition for savings will be won by the higher return on capital available in the emerging countries; that will reduce the funds available for investment in the mature industrial economies. In this way, the boom in the East is likely to be matched by recurrent depression in the West, except for those Western businesses which participate in the Eastern expansion. There are already 20 million unemployed in the EU; their numbers will rise further.

There is a specific financial threat to the West which is extremely worrying. The major Western countries have all created government overheads which reflected their near-monopoly position as industrial powers. To use Sir James Goldsmith's example, an international business can employ 47 Vietnamese for the cost of one Frenchman. But French government spending accounts for about half the cost of each worker. Who would not choose to employ 23 workers in Asia rather than pay one Frenchman's taxes?

The phenomenal growth of China's gross domestic product — 12.7 per cent a year — means that doubles every six years. What else is growing at around 12.5 per cent? The cost of servicing the American federal debt. In 1971, the year President Nixon abandoned convertability into gold, net interest charges on American federal debt came to $14.5 billion. In 1993, it was $198.6 billion, about 14 times as great, and it will be well over $200 billion in 1994.

The US bureau of the budget recently forecast that the lifetime tax cost of existing programmes for an American baby born in 1994 would be 82 per cent of lifetime earnings. At the current rate of compounding, the 1994 American baby's share of net federal interest would be $800 a year at birth, $8,000 a year at the age of 20; $80,000 at 40; $800,000 at 60, and $8 million at 80. That ought to take a lifetime's earnings quite nicely. It would also, no doubt, take care of the dollar itself.

The world's emerging 3 billion are making the largest and most rapid adjustment in history. This will create great wealth, but it will also create enormous social, political and financial strains for them. The Euro-American 850 million have to make a similar adjustment, in their case to share the wealth of the industrial world with the emerging nations. That is going to be more difficult to achieve, because we have built social, political and financial structures which reflect the old position, which sees 15 per cent of the world's population enjoying about 60 per cent of the world's wealth. By the time a baby of 1994 is 30 years old, that 60 per cent could be no more than 20 per cent.

Massive adjustments have to be made to all the structures of the Western world. Sir James Goldsmith argues that Europe and North America, separately or together, will have to form regional trading blocks with external tariffs, at least until the adjustment is over. I can see the political appeal of this, but I also believe that European industry would become obsolete behind such tariff barriers. Certainly the European Community will be tested by this need for adjustment. The present levels of government expenditure in Europe and America are unsustainable; the massive bureaucratic welfare states are non-competitive and unfinancable; they will either be wound down or will collapse. Without radical policy changes, the United States is insolvent, as is Italy, but these policy changes may not be attainable inside existing constitutional structures.

The dollar has become useless as a reserve currency. Prices, interest rates and unemployment will all rise. It will be a very, very difficult period for Europe and America. These are the unavoidable consequences of the rest of the world catching up with us.

Pay racket

IT TOOK less than a fortnight from Michael Portillo's arrival at the Department of Employment for the cuts to follow him there. Not one of the department's 62,000 staff received a July pay packet when it was due last Friday.

The official reason, a "data processing error", failed to allay concerns that the new Secretary of State is introducing just the kind of strict budgetary disciplines he would like to see at the Department of Trade and Industry. "It felt as if a short, sharp, shock was being introduced with the new regime," says one penniless civil servant.

Hurried explanations for the mistake were circulated before permanent secretaries could say "no minister". An apologetic letter from Michael Davey of the department's financial services branch explains: "Central Pay regrets that there will be a delay in paying July salaries due to a data-processing error." Someone had entered the wrong date into the computer.

Far from saving on budgets, the mistake will have cost Portillo's department dear, I fear. Staff were paid on Monday, but thousands were forced to take out overdrafts at the weekend and the department has agreed to offer compensation. An analysis of the error by *Computing* magazine estimates the bill could reach £250,000.

Anne Clwyd, the acting shadow employment secretary, was hardly surprised at the news yesterday. "This is a taste of Portilloisms to come. Watch out."

● *It may not be the fastest motorised procession of the century, but it will at least be dignified. I refer to Europe's first rally for funeral vehicles, which takes place at Lord Montagu's National Motor Museum in Beaulieu later this month and kicks off with with a slow-moving cavalcade of a hundred hearses. Paul Capper of the British Institute of Funeral Directors sounds suitably excited: "As well as being a chance for the trade to sample the new and the old, it will of course be a fun day out for the family."*

Age band

BELTS have been tightened at *The Oldie*, which is going monthly to avoid an early grave — all its female staff are being made redundant. "It's a sexist staff policy which is completely intentional," explains the editor, Richard Ingrams. "We are left with five very handsome men and the aim is to appeal to more female readers."

The departing women have set their hearts on reviving an idea first floated two years ago: to launch *Crone*, "the magazine for old bags". Christina Madden, leaving her job as a sub-editor, is confident. "We had a very jolly women-only lunch and thought *The Oldie* could spawn this unruly daughter."

Carmen Callil, the feminist publisher who helped dream up *Crone*, wishes them well. "They are very nice girls and I do hope they succeed," she says. "But I fear they may have missed the moment."



By George

THE smart set may have its binoculars trained on Cowes this week, but the real action will soon be taking place down the coast at Yarmouth. At least that's what John Illsley, the bass player of Dire Straits, is hoping.

Illsley, I learn, has recently acquired the town's George Hotel, an imposing 17th-century building that was once home to the governor of the Isle of Wight, Sir Robert Holmes. Although popular with passing yachtsmen, the George's recent commercial history is somewhat chequered. Illsley and associates, in fact, bought the hotel from receivers, who had been seeking offers of £450,000. "The plan is to restore the George to its former glory. It's a very important building on the island" says a spokesman.

Illsley is becoming something of an expert in restoration — five years ago he paid £1 million for a house in Beaulieu, only to spend another half a million doing it up. One of the perks of getting money for nothing, I suppose.

Trading talk

EVER since John Major was dismissed last February as "charismatically challenged", Washington society has been itching to find a saviour for that special relationship with Britain. Step forward Sir James Goldsmith, who flew in this week wearing his protectionist armour, for "trade talks" with as many politicians as he could find.

A private lunch at the Capitol on Monday with a couple of dozen senators, several meetings in Congress and appearances on a number of chat-shows, and he appears to have them eating out of his hand. "He is extremely articulate," gushes Bay Buchanan, who netted Goldsmith for her brother Pat's radio show. "We were sceptical that someone from Europe could argue against Gatt, but he has proposed ideas in such a powerful way that we've been taking notes from him."





Hearties

SELINA SCOTT and Peter Brooke stepped out on Tuesday night, but sadly for Brooke not quite at the same time. The former heritage minister seemed content with a walk-on role as "Selina's warm-up man" at the launch of *The Heart of London*, a guide to the City and its now fashionable northern fringe. As MP for the City, he was on home territory at the Geffrye Museum. Scott, on the other hand, seemed keen to forget her days as an Islington resident. "It became too expensive and I moved out." But had she, even briefly, considered herself to be a member of this new social grouping, Islington Person? "No, never," said West London woman, visibly recoiling. "I'm definitely not one of them."

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OBITUARIES

HIDALGO MOYA

Hidalgo Moya, CBE, architect, died yesterday aged 74. He was born on May 5, 1920.

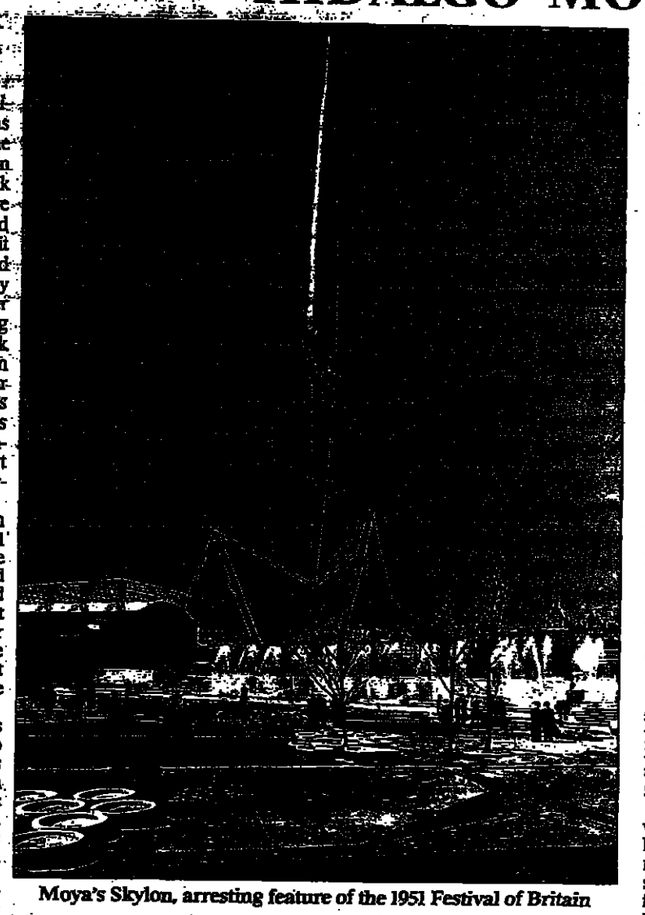
THE vision of architecture that Hidalgo Moya made into a reality was original and penetrating. It was the combination of a painter's eye and an engineering genius. He liked to think of a building of his as a descriptive portrait of the people who would inhabit it and of the place in which it would be. At the same time he would refer to his job as a creator of a purely practical framework, of a roof to cover you, a floor on which to live. Having established this, he would set to work on it, transforming it into a creation in which certain details were selected for particular care and attention. Moya's study and development of such details gave his buildings the sparkling images and effects which set them apart from works by any of his contemporaries and followers.

His professional life was spent in partnership with Philip Powell (knighted in 1975) and from 1946 he was a partner in their firm; Powell and Moya (since 1976, Powell Moya and Partners). The capable and lucid, but consistently humane, quality of their buildings made them remarkable among the architectural firms that came to the fore immediately after the Second World War.

John Hidalgo Moya was born in Los Gatos, California, and brought to England when a year old after his mother, who was English, was taken ill. His father, also called Hidalgo, was Mexican. He was a many sided man, an inventor who, among various things, invented the Moya typewriter. But he changed to making violins when his ideas were stolen and money was short. In this unusual pair of activities can be seen the sharp imprint of his son's gifts, which were those of the inventor and craftsman.

Moya was educated at Oundle from where he went to the Royal West of England College of Art at Bristol to study painting and drawing for a year before going on to the Architectural Association School. There his brilliance as a designer, and as a presenter of his designs in his own techniques of colour and perspective, was rapidly recognised by fellow students. He qualified in 1943 and with Philip Powell, a friend from the AA, won the Churchill Gardens housing competition in Pimlico three years later.

This was an astonishing feat and was carried out with a sophistication and verve that reflected the optimism of the immediate postwar period. On the river the huge, complex development caught the whiff of riverside imagery in blocks of flats which looked like liners about to be launched, and in the edge of tree-lined terraces along the embankment. Sheer excellence of detail diverted the eye from the immense volume of accommodation. It thus created a human scale that respected those living there. No vandalism occurred in Churchill Gardens; the strong frame, positive forms and general air of gaiety saw to that.



Moya's Skylon, arresting feature of the 1951 Festival of Britain

The vitality of Moya's imagination surfaced everywhere in the scheme. Yet it was with the Skylon, conceived for the 1951 Festival of Britain and Powell and Moya's winning entry in their second open competition, that it was most immediately memorable. This stunning structure, a precursor of space-age imagery and seen by many as the engineering idea of the century, fully demonstrated Moya's genius for invention. A vertical feature had been wanted to pinpoint the exhibition site on the South Bank of the Thames and Moya's brainwave was to suspend this 40 feet above the ground, its aluminium sheathing appearing as a light in the sky at night, soaring up to 300 feet.

With its added reflection in the water, this extraordinary apparition, which seemed immediately to suggest a desire to tear away from postwar austerity, could not fail to astonish. The idea has been copied by others ever since, if badly.

On August 9 this most potent symbol of the forward looking nature of the Festival of Britain is the subject of an item on BBC2's *One Foot in the Past* feature programme. In it, Moya can be seen being interviewed about his creation which, after the end of the festival, mysteriously disappeared and has never been seen since. Malice has suggested that an incoming Conservative government, jealous of the achievements of the two preceding Attlee administrations, set out deliberately to obliterate all traces of the 1951 festival, though this has never been proved.

Moya's interests, however, went far beyond engineering. People came first, and this meant that architecture must be art, and must be invigorating. This was a side of his gifts to which he gave considerable time. He developed his ideas in a long list of interesting buildings: Mayfield School, Putney (completed in 1955); Brasenose College and Christ Church, Oxford; Borocourt Hospital for spastics near Henley; Putney swimming-pool; Wexham Park Hospital, Slough; and the Cripps Building at St John's College, Cambridge, all, remarkably, completed in a single decade, the Sixties.

Borocourt, Brasenose and Cripps were particularly good examples of his sculptural interests. These might range from the expression of structural weight at Borocourt, effects of light and the shaping of Portland stone at Brasenose or experiments in form and space at Cripps. Powell and Moya's fine Wexham Hospital was a startling study in the plasticity of concrete. There, Moya's designs for the vast heads of the columns which supported the administration tower, faceted them in such a way as to suggest sculptured trees.

The Christ Church Picture Gallery, his last work of the Sixties, was sunk at the end of the Dean's garden, emerging from the ground as an unobtrusive stone wall, a ramp to its roof and a glass wall around a tiny quad. This was the idea of the design — to make a big building disappear.

With the British Pavilion for Expo 70 at Osaka in Japan, however, Moya returned to his passion for engineering and suspended structures. This time he used four steel towers, 120 feet high, to raise four exhibition halls off the ground. At the same time these picked up the scarlet and white of the Japanese tradition, together with the proportions of the Japanese Tatami mat. Again, the building had to have an idea, and this was to lift it up so that visitors could queue beneath it, sheltered from hot sun or heavy rain, those twin characteristics of the Japanese summer. Again, the idea was copied — badly. Suspended structures became the fashion of the day, but without the architectural purpose that lay behind Moya's conception, they merely created a style without a purpose.

At Osaka, Moya had captured the spirit of the country, even down to the water gardens inserted underneath the exhibition halls. His was a very special kind of modern architecture, always concerned with the *genius loci*, and always with people, their movements, comfort and privacy. This was most apparent in his work at Oxford and Cambridge when he designed the details of students' rooms at the Wolfson and Queens' colleges in the Seventies and Eighties.

In such institutions, Moya was, as ever, completely himself, working out what a student might need as if he was that student, and arranging the room with the simplicity that characterised his great conceptions. Although brilliant, he was a reticent, domestic, modest man who deeply disliked any form of personal publicity. Only those with whom he worked, or who knew him well, were aware of the intensity of his love for architecture.

He was appointed CBE in 1966 and the Powell Moya partnership was awarded the RIBA Gold Medal in 1974. There were scores of other awards for the mass of work carried out, most of which was educational, residential or for district hospital boards. Moya retired from the partnership in 1990.

Hidalgo Moya was twice married. His first marriage, to Janiffer Mary Innes Hall, was dissolved in 1985. He is survived by the two daughters and a son of that marriage and by his second wife Jean, whom he married in 1988.

EDGAR SOWTON

Edgar Sowton, consultant cardiologist at Guy's Hospital, died on July 30 from cancer aged 63. He was born on August 1, 1930.



EDGAR SOWTON was an outstanding cardiologist who pioneered the application of modern technology to the treatment of patients with heart disease. He was a brilliant student completing both physics and medical degrees at Cambridge simultaneously in 1957. His medical career was impressive. At a time of intense competition he went from one distinguished post to another, finally being appointed to Guy's Hospital in 1970, where he established a world-renowned unit.

It falls to few to achieve international acclaim in a single aspect of their specialty. Edgar Sowton managed it at least three times. He was one of the pioneers in the development of heart pacemakers. He co-operated with a number of American centres in the intensive study of heart attacks in the late 1960s. He then tackled the problem of heart rhythm abnormalities and was at the forefront of the development of devices for their control.

When balloon dilatation of coronary artery narrowings started he was one of the first British exponents of this revolutionary technique. He made Guy's Hospital a leading centre, in particular masterminding a major trial that helped establish its proper place in managing patients with coronary artery disease.

He published extensively in his field with more than 600 papers in international medical journals. He was an author of several specialist books and contributed to many others.

He gave a number of important lectures in the the United Kingdom, the United States and Sweden. He received many honours both here and abroad and was a visiting professor in the US, Australia, Holland and Sweden. He was elected by his peers to posts in the British Cardiac Society, first as honorary secretary in 1972 and then president in 1987.

Sowton had a wonderful way with patients. Despite, or perhaps because of, his clear scientific brain he was able to explain difficult medical problems in clear understandable terms and patients developed a fierce loyalty to him.

As a friend he was generous and always pleased to help. He had a very well-developed sense of humour.

Edgar Sowton would have forgone everything if he could not at the same time have been a family man. He cherished and jealously guarded the time he spent with his wife and children. He did not let the burdens of his work interfere with a complete and happy family life.

He devoted the same application to his leisure time pursuits as he did to his work and achieved excellence in all that he attempted. When he took courses in sailing and navigation he came top of the class. Yet he did not flaunt his skill and knowledge.

He married Pat Squires in 1957 and she survives him together with their four children.

MURRAY VINES

Murray (Bill) Vines, electrical engineer, businessman and yachtsman, died at Richmond, Surrey, on July 9 aged 91. He was born there on January 4, 1903.

KNOWN to generations of electrical engineers as head of the company which produced "Megger" installation testers, which were known and used throughout the world, and to yachtsmen as the doyen of the National Eighteen Class whose championship he won a number of times, Murray Vines was a man of many accomplishments who believed in doing things properly.

He spent much of his working life at Evershed and Vignoles, the electrical instrument manufacturers, of Acton, London, becoming a director in 1935 and serving as managing director from 1942 until 1966. During that time he became closely involved in the work of the Engineering Employers' Federation (EEF), serving as a member of its general council from 1954 to 1970.

He took a keen interest in employee welfare and was a member of the management committee of the EEF's Benevolent and Dyer Memorial Funds from 1956 until his death.

Educated at Gresham's School, Holt, of which he subsequently became a governor, he gained a first-class diploma in electrical engineering from Faraday House in 1924 and later became a Fellow of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, in whose work he was also involved. He did his practicals with Robey and Co of Lincoln, and with Laurence Scott and Co of Norwich, later joining the Birmingham works of British Thomson-Houston.

He became a justice of the peace in Richmond in 1952 and was chairman of the bench from 1970 to 1974. He lived in Petersham for 50 years and was closely involved during that time with the 13th-century parish church of St Peter as a member of the parochial church council, churchwarden and treasurer.

In later years it was to generations of yachtsmen that Murray was perhaps best known. He was president of the National Eighteen Class Association from 1950 to 1989, a regular competitor at their annual championships, and a talented and successful helmsman who continued cheerfully to race his own boat on the Thames at Teddington until he was 88.

In the years before the Second World War, he raced in National Twelve dinghies and also cruised with his wife Clare on the East and South coasts. He joined Twickenham Yacht Club in 1926 and served as commodore for 18 years and also sailed at Ranelagh Sailing Club at Putney before moving to Tamesis Club at Teddington, where he won many sailing trophies. He was also a founder of the Thames Young Mariners watersports training centre at Ham.

He is survived by his wife Clare, with whom he celebrated his diamond wedding on June 30, six sons and a daughter.

WE WOULD like to clarify that the death of Peter Rack (*Obituary, August 2*) was not the result of a climbing accident. It was caused by a fall of just a few feet while hill walking on a popular path in the Lake District.

JOAN FOA

Joan Foa, artists' muse and jewellery designer, died in London on July 16 aged 75. She was born in Ham, Surrey, on May 19, 1919.



FRIENDS always regretted that they could not persuade Joan Foa to write her memoirs, though her own career, which included a spell at the BBC's press office and later as a jewellery designer, might not have warranted the effort. What made her so remarkable was her ability — as muse to several generations of artists — to bring out the best work in others. In the 1940s she was the common law wife of the painter Michael Ayrton, and the subject of two of his pictures, and for thirty years she was married to the opera producer George Foa.

Lilian Joan Walsh, as she was born, was the daughter of a house model for the couturier, Molyneux. She never knew her father and saw little of her glamorous mother, being brought up by her grandmother in the silvan setting of Ham Common, close to the Thames. She was educated locally and afterwards a family friend offered to put her through medical school. Joan was enthusiastic, but allowed herself to be dissuaded from the idea by her family.

Thereafter she gave up any pretence of carving out a coherent career for herself, though she never stopped working or being at the centre of things. Before the war she joined the BBC's press office, and it was there, in May 1941, that she received a call from the Duke of Hamilton's estate in Scotland, telling her that they were holding Rudolf Hess, who had baled out of an aircraft which he had flown from Germany. She also worked at the Post Office Research Station at Dollis Hill, helping to make records for the original speaking clock (in fact she was very nearly chosen to be the voice for the speaking clock).

Her first marriage to a theatre designer, Henry Locke, was not a success and was dissolved after six years in 1945. In 1942, however, she met the painter and sculptor Michael Ayrton who had been invalided out of the forces. They never married but she changed her name to his by deed poll and remained with him until 1949. Joan appeared in two of his oil paintings from 1945 — *Joan in the Fields* and *The Honeysuckle Picker*, which has been lost for many years.

Through Ayrton and Constant Lambert, the composer who shared their house in All Souls' Place, Joan met an extraordinarily eclectic group including Frederick Ashton, William Walton and Robert Donat. Through Ayrton's mother — the Labour MP Barbara Ayrton Gould — she met Nye Bevan, Tom Driberg and Clement Attlee. She took the young Margot Fonteyn to buy her first fur stole at Selfridges, and she was a particular favourite of Dylan Thomas, who used her home as a bolthole whenever his marriage to Caitlin became too unbearable. Caitlin never really forgave the friendship and caused a memorable scene at one fancy dress ball in Chelsea in the late 1940s, to which Joan had arrived wearing body paint and very little else.

For three months the Ayrtons lived in Florence, and it was in Italy that Joan met Prince Henry of Bavaria. After a rather indiscreet affair with him, her relationship with Ayrton broke up in 1949. She did not remain single for long, however. Having joined the BBC at Alexandra Palace, she met her last husband, George Foa, and married him in 1950.

Soon afterwards Joan left the BBC to devote herself fully to his career. She was always there during opera rehearsals, and tended to be the person whom technicians, established stars and members of the chorus approached whenever there was a problem, rather than her more temperamental husband. Foa often consulted her on ideas for casting, and she was a superb hostess for his opening night parties.

At the same time, she began to develop her own jewellery design business, originally inspired by the eccentric costumes of her friend, Edith Sitwell. Her huge gobstopper rings were considered very fashionable in the 1970s. She continued with the business after her husband died in 1981, though her last years were overshadowed by emphysema. Latterly she lived in a flat in Holland Park, with her three cats and her last companion, Tony Singleton. She leaves a son and a daughter from her marriage to George Foa.

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
-AND-
IN THE MATTER OF OAKHALLS LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the UNSECURED CREDITORS will be held at Price Waterhouse, The Quay, 30 Channel Way, Ocean Village, Southampton, Hampshire on the 19th day of August 1994 at 10.30 am. for the purpose of receiving a report covering the background to and progress of the receivership together with other matters stipulated by Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986.
The Meeting is not for the purpose of appointing a liquidator to the company.
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P G Padmore,
Joint Administrative Receiver
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No. 871 OF 1993
Re: LOBAYAL LIMITED
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This is to certify that a meeting of the Creditors and Contributories of the above-named company held on 7 March 1994, Geoffrey Christopher Anthony Hopkins Hayes Cave & Dalgleish 11th Floor, Midland House Warrior Square Southend-on-Sea, Essex, having provided a written statement that he is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above-named company under the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986 and that he consents so to act, was appointed Liquidator of the company. Date: 7 March 1994. M. R. Trott

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PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

EUROPEAN COURT PROPOSED

A draft convention for the collective protection of individual rights and democratic liberties in western European countries has been submitted by the European Movement to the committee of ministers of the Council of Europe.

The proposals include the establishment of a European Court of Human Rights to ensure adherence to the convention. The draft, which is expected to be considered by the consultative assembly at Strasbourg on August 10, defines essential personal liberties which all participating States shall guarantee in addition to any other rights existing under present law. These are:—

Security of Life and limb; freedom from arbitrary arrest, detention, and exile; freedom from slavery and servitude and from compulsory labour of a discriminatory kind; freedom of speech and of expression of opinion generally; freedom of religious belief, practice, and teaching; freedom of association and assembly; the natural rights deriving from marriage and paternity and those pertaining to the family; the sanctity of the home; equality before the law; freedom from discrimination on account of religion, race, national origin, or political or other opinion; and freedom from arbitrary deprivation of property.

Parties to the convention will also be bound to hold at regular intervals free elections by secret ballot, and to take no action which will interfere with the right of political criticism and the right to organise a political opposition. If the convention were accepted, any State a party to it, or any natural or corporate person of such State, would have the right to petition the Council of Europe in respect of infringements. Petitions would be dealt with by a European human rights commission, and, in more difficult cases, by a European court of human rights.

The commission might make recommendations to the State concerned with a view to obtaining redress, or it might initiate proceedings before the court. Action before the court could also be initiated by a member State, or any affected party which has first obtained the authority of the commission. The court would have jurisdiction to determine all cases of infringement, and might prescribe measures of reparation or require the State concerned to take penal or administrative action against persons responsible. The judgment would be given in public, and if it were not complied with the matter could be brought before the Council of Europe for appropriate action, which might include sanctions.

Mr. Duncan Sandys, chairman of the international executive of the European Movement, said at a Press conference that the convention was intended to apply only to those countries in which there was already a high standard of personal liberty, and its purpose was to ensure the maintenance of that freedom.

ON THIS DAY

August 4 1949

The Council of Europe was established in Strasbourg in 1949, to be followed a year later by the Convention of Human Rights and its Court of Appeal.

● Revolution in the airways ● Health danger to travellers ● Eco-tourism in Africa

Into the era of the Megajet

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

DESIGNS for a 1,100-seat "Megajet", published this week by the Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS), are being studied by airlines and planemakers around the world.

The jet, almost three times the size of the largest commercial airliner now in service, would contain a shopping mall, a 300-seat restaurant, bars, a playground, a sleeping and observation platform and even a dance floor.

The designs were drawn up by Mike Ramsden, an aerospace engineer and RAeS lecturer who first revealed them to senior industry executives at a seminar. So much interest was shown in the proposals that they have now been circulated among the 20,000 members through the society's journal.

"We must break away from the 20th-century airliner cabin tube architecture, narrow knee-crushing triple chairs, cupboard lavatories and meals on wheels," Mr Ramsden says.

"We are in the age of Richard Branson, who describes his business as 'delighting and entertaining the air traveller'."

And Mr Branson is certainly enthusiastic about the ideas. "We are extremely interested in any plans for the new aircraft which make flying fun and more available to the public," he says. The plans are now being studied in detail by the European planemaking consortium, Airbus Industrie.

According to the RAeS, the launch cost would be spread over a partnership of four manufacturers and four governments, with the risk being shared by the Airbus partners — Aerospatiale of France, British Aerospace, Casa of Spain and Deutsche Aerospace.

The launch cost is estimated at under $10 billion spread over ten years, with first delivery in 2005. It is estimated that up to 1,000 of the Megajets would be needed by the year 2030, each selling for about $250 million.

Growing congestion at the world's main airports and the new post-Cold War need for large troop-numbers to be deployed anywhere in the world at short notice, now make the project viable, according to the RAeS.

The initial Megajet could carry 1,100 passengers or 2,000 troops and vast amounts of equipment over 4,000 miles, while flying at 620 miles an hour at 45,000ft. Later models would be able to fly much further.

The design centres around a "triple O"-shaped fuselage and double delta wing design.

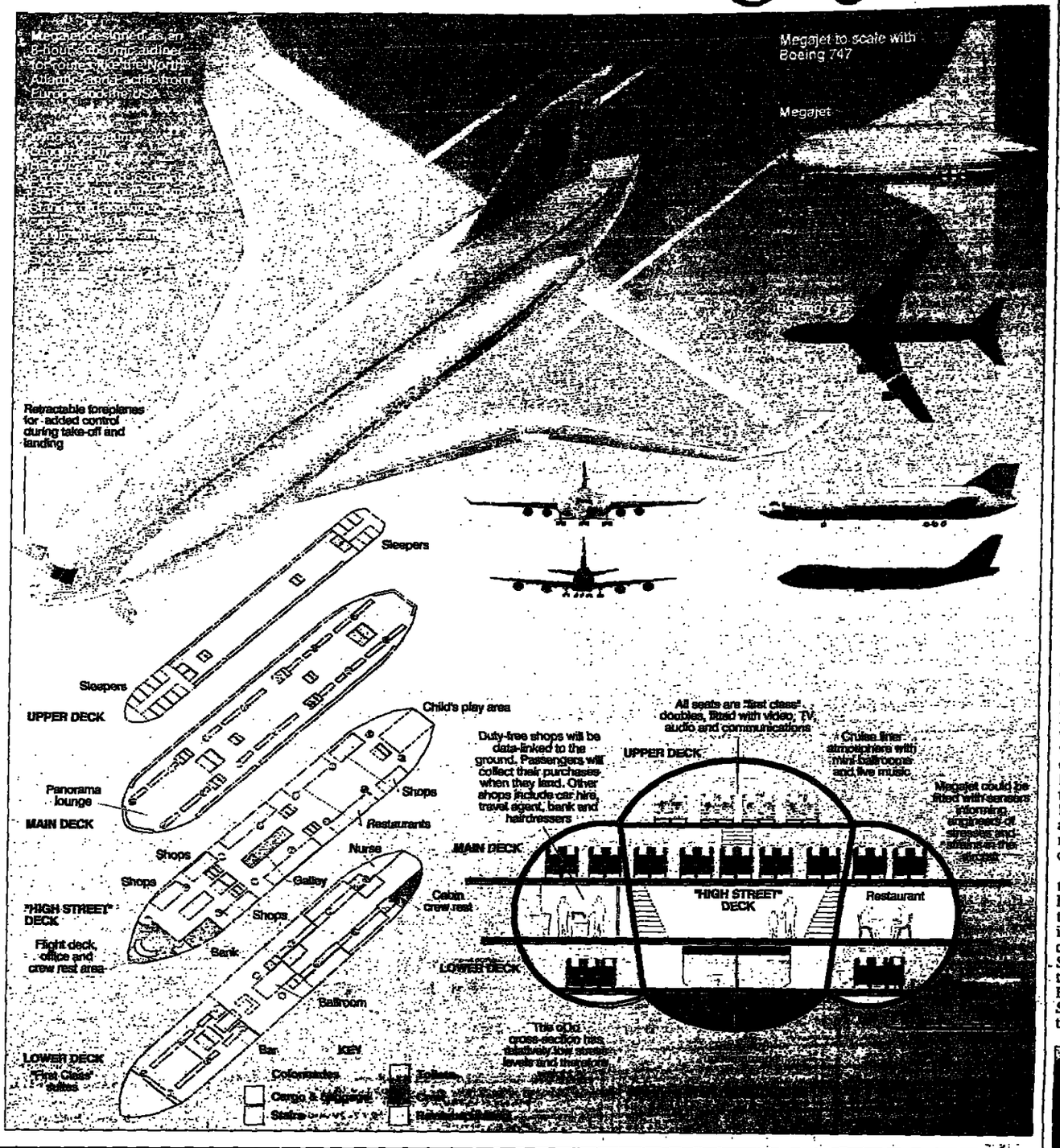
Such a design would prevent airport taxiways and stands having to be rebuilt to accommodate the ultra-long wings normally needed with very big aircraft. The aircraft would be powered by four existing engines, already being made by Rolls-Royce, General Electric and Pratt and Whitney, thus cutting the cost and potential risks.

Passengers would be accommodated on four decks, one above the other. The upper deck would feel like a conventional wide-body jet of today, although two metres wider and seating 300 with far more legroom. The main deck would seat 650, with a premium-priced panorama lounge in the nose.

The mall deck or "Sky Street" would contain a self-service restaurant similar to those on board a cross-Channel ferry, a business lounge and children's play area, car hire, travel agency, hairdresser, bank and up to 20 shopping booths. Each shop would carry samples of various products, orders for which would be placed electronically to the destination for pick up on arrival.

The lower deck would cater for first-class passengers with bars, below eye-level windows and a dance floor similar to the Sky Dive once incorporated into the Boeing Stratocruiser of the 1950s.

Two main problems confront the designers of a Megajet — wake turbulence and noise. Because it is such a big aeroplane it would disturb the air more than existing jets and a longer gap would therefore be needed between it and any following aircraft. It would also make more noise, however quiet the engines were made, and may have to have a special dispension to land at airports near centres of population.



Opera on the festival trail

BY ANDREW STEWART

AFFORDABLE opera is becoming a central feature of weekend breaks and short holidays throughout Britain this summer.

Top-level opera is now available at a fraction of the cost of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, where a seat in the stalls regularly exceeds £100 even for the most dated of productions.

This weekend, for example, sees the final performances of Mozart's *Don Giovanni* and Verdi's *Rigoletto* by the Bath and Wessex Opera at Bristol Hippodrome. The recently-formed company has established a reputation for its high production standards and the calibre of its singers, with Peter Sidhom taking the title role in *Don Giovanni*, Sarah Walker as Donna Elvira, Gerard Quinn as Rigoletto and Sally Harrison as Gilda.

Klaus Donath conducts the Mozart work, with Sir Alexander Gibson in charge of *Rigoletto*. Ticket prices range from £5 to £33.50, with accommodation on offer at the nearby Swallow Royal Hotel.

Promoters eager to capitalise on the success of Pavarotti in the Park or Carreras at the Royal Crescent have recently come unstuck with the decline in audiences willing to pay for expensive open-air opera gala nights. Performances scheduled for this summer by Dame Kiri te Kanawa, Placido Domingo and the Bolshoi Ballet at a number of stately homes were cancelled.

Home-based operatic ventures are still to be found, however, with few better than the Broomhill festival, given in the theatre built by the 19th-century industrialist David Salomons at his country retreat outside Tunbridge Wells. Benjamin Britten's *A Mid-Summer Night's Dream* is this year's main Broomhill


Placido Domingo: open-air performance cancelled

attraction, produced by Stephen Langridge and featuring a double cast of 28 young singers from Hong Kong, France, Israel, America and Britain. The production opens on August 16 and runs until September 3, with admission costing between £5 for standing room and £37.50 for the best seats.

The Theatr Hafren in Newtown, Powys, offers arguably the best value opera of the summer, with seats for Mid Wales Opera's productions of the *Tales of Hoffman* and *La Bohème* priced at £13.50. Performances run from August 27 to September 4.

Those in search of a Bank Holiday musical break should consider the attractions of Newtown, less than 45 minutes by road from Shrewsbury and set on the edge of the Brecon Beacons National Park. Mid Wales Opera has assembled strong casts for its Theatr Hafren season, including Fiona O'Neill (best known for her topless love scenes in the BBC's version of Marschner's *The Vampire*) and Lynton Atkinson.

Lovers of music and food can find the best of both at the inaugural Heart of England Festival, to be held at Weston Park, near Shifnal in Shropshire from August 17 to 21. Established by cellist Julian Lloyd Webber and the Earl of Bradford, president of the Master Chefs of Great Britain, the festival has recitals by Mr Lloyd Webber, pianist John Lill and young musician of the year, Natalie Clein. The cost of dinner and a concert is £42.50 per person, with a further £35 securing accommodation at Weston Park, the ancestral home of the Bradfords.

● *The Bristol Hippodrome, 0272-299 444. Swallow Royal Hotel, 0272-255100. Broomhill Festival, 0892-517720. Theatr Hafren, 0686-625 007. Heart of England Festival, 0952-76207.*

Tourists ignore vaccination advice

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

AN increasing number of people are booking holidays at very short notice and then failing to check that they have the essential courses of vaccines before they leave, a new survey says.

More than half of all those going abroad book their trip within a month of departure, and a fifth make arrangements between one and two months in advance.

In addition, the proportion of travellers over 60 — an age group more susceptible to diarrhoea and the heart problems and strokes which can result from dehydration — has increased over the past five years, the survey found.

These travellers need to check with their doctors before they leave to confirm whether they can stop taking drugs for high blood-pressure or heart problems if they begin to suffer from dehydration.

The survey by Merieux UK, the vaccine manufacturers, found that only 48 per cent of people interviewed at Heathrow and Gatwick airports had completed a recommended course of travel vaccines. This compares with 65 per cent of people interviewed for a similar survey in 1989.

Under EC law, travel agents must inform clients of the vaccinations they need in order to gain entry to certain countries — for example, visitors to Saudi Arabia need to have the meningitis A and C vaccination if arriving during the time of the Holy Pilgrimage or hadj to Mecca, and certain countries in South America and Africa require yellow fever certificates.

Travel agents are, however, unable to issue detailed advice and cannot force people to have vaccinations which are recommended rather than compulsory.

Keith Betton, a spokesman for the Association of British Travel Agents, said: "In the past, people have been able to book at the last minute for European holidays which do not require a specialised course of vaccines. However, now that long-haul flights are also available at short notice, people may forget to consult their GP to find out if they have enough time for vaccinations before they make a booking.

"Some GPs may not even know the requirements for specific destinations and the best advice might be from tropical diseases clinics."

The survey also revealed that people are travelling further afield and the proportion of those who have visited a tropical country has increased in the past five years from 36 per cent to 50 per cent.

The Thomas Cook travel clinic in London says holidaymakers going on a fortnight's package tour outside Europe should have vaccinations ten or more days before they leave. A spokeswoman said: "Those going to most European destinations need tetanus and polio vaccinations which work immediately. In countries such as Thailand, tourists should be protected against contracting typhoid or hepatitis A from contaminated food or drink."

SA game group moves north

BY MIKE SWINDELL

THE South African Conservation Corporation — a private organisation which has run some of the country's most successful game parks — is branching out into Tanzania, Kenya and Zimbabwe.

The corporation has linked into the international Abercrombie & Kent group whose chairman, Geoffrey Kent, will now become joint chairman of the expanded ecology-minded organisation.

The new company — which runs the Londolozi, Phinda Forest and Ngala game lodges in South Africa — has raised £12 million to expand into a pan-African group. It has also bought A & K's Kichwa Tembo camp in Kenya and the Ngorongoro Crater Lodge in Tanzania. Another acquisition is a 50 per cent share in A & K's premier hotel management company, Windsor Hotels, with properties in Nairobi as well as game camps in the Masai Mara.

Martin Thompson, A & K's UK managing director, said that the Kichwa Tembo and Ngorongoro lodges would be made "more environmentally friendly" along the lines of the existing South African properties.

"This is vitally important if we are going to be the leaders in the eco-tourism field," he said. Further expansion plans include the development of a luxury safari camp near Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. A base camp of 60 beds is to be built on the banks of the Zambezi River with six smaller camps scattered throughout 250,000 acres of bush along the Botswana border.

The land, now used as a private hunting concession, will be handed over early next year to the Conservation Corporation by the Zimbabwean government which will hold 45 per cent of the shares.

Mr Thompson said he expected the main safari lodges in the new park to be open by the end of next year, while the smaller 12-bed camps would be built in 1996.

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Belt those children up

MORE than 50 per cent of parents making car journeys to the seaside this summer will be putting their children's lives at risk. According to the RAC, most adults are failing to ensure that their offspring are strapped into seatbelts.

Ready for battle?

READERS interested in this week's series in *The Times* on the battlefields of Britain may like to know of a company, Midas Battlefield Tours (0483-729513), formed earlier this year, which runs guided tours with expert lecturers to pre-20th century battlefields both in Britain and on the Continent.

A tour for the weekend of October 8-9, devoted to the campaigns of Simon de Montfort, takes in Lewes, Evesham and Kenilworth Castle. The price of £149 includes meals and overnight hotel in Oxford.

Flying into profit

AFTER four years of catastrophic losses, the world's airlines are now heading towards profitability. The International Air Transport Association (Iata), said overall traffic growth from January to June for its 224 member airlines was 9.7 per cent against 7.2 per cent for the whole of 1993. Passenger traffic on international scheduled services was up 8 per cent both in June and over the first six months against the same periods last year.

Off to Jordan

BRITISH Museums Tours (071-323 8895) is organising a one-week tour to Jordan visiting Petra and Jerash, plus other historical sites, departing November 11 and April 15 for £998 including lecturer, tour manager and half board.

Mosque visits

THE second largest mosque in the world, the recently completed and sumptuously decorated Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca, Morocco, is open to non-Muslims. However, visitors must take a guided tour in order to see all the hand-carved wood, mosaic and marble.

Milan service

AIRUK is launching a scheduled service to Milan from Stansted from September 1. The schedule will operate daily and there is an introductory fare of £109 return.

Travel News is edited by Harvey Elliott


Visitors ride through the Mayan dude ranch at Bandera, Texas. Ranchers are hoping for an increase in guests

Cowhands reach for their guest lists

BY ROBIN YOUNG

TEXAN ranchers are hoping for a stampede of paying guests as a result of the new films *City Slickers II* and *Bad Girls*. They also hope to reap some dividends from the screening of *Return to Lonesome Dove* by the BBC.

So-called "dude ranches" sprawl around the town of Bandera, "Cowboy Capital of the World" less than an hour's drive northwest of San Antonio, and though some have been in the tourism business for more than half a century their fortunes now tend to link with the popularity of Westerns on the screens. Luckily more than 400 films have been made or set in Texas, so business keeps coming.

Bandera's Dixie Dude Ranch started operating as a guest ranch in 1937 as a way of raising extra income in the Depression. The Flying L Guest Ranch opened in 1946, and now its local competitors include the Mayan Ranch, with 60 guest rooms and an Olympic-size swimming pool, the Silver Spur Dude Ranch, with 5,000 acres for horse riding, the Twin Elm Guest Ranch which stages regular Saturday night rodeos, and the 40,000-acre YO Ranch, which operates an exotic game reserve as well as running one of the world's largest registered herds of Texas longhorns.

Further afield, in West Texas, the 25,000-acre Cibolo Creek Ranch has bison, elk and antelopes roaming wild. It runs six-day cattle drives in which guests can participate alongside the wranglers, and has a Jacuzzi to help ease saddle sores. At the Bar-H Dude Ranch near the Panhandle town of Clarendon, North Texas, guests can take a hand at mending fences as well as herding cattle.

A list of all UK specialist tour operators offering ranching holidays is featured in a Discover Texas guide, from Texas Tourism, PO Box 61, West Sussex, RH13 8QW. They include Ranch America (081-868 2910), American Round-Up (0442 214621) and British Airways Holidays (0293-611611).

• Foreign-jet tour fears • Holiday disruption again • Blow to British Airways

Cut-price carriers under attack

By Harvey Elliott

BRITAIN'S leading airlines this week urged the Department of Transport to clamp down on foreign-registered jets being used by tour operators to offer cut-price holidays.

The British Air Transport Association (Bata), which represents charter and scheduled airlines, claims that its members are worried about the growing use of planes registered in Europe which they claim are flying under flags of convenience so they can operate in the lucrative British holiday market.

The problems were highlighted this week when more than 600 passengers were delayed at Manchester airport for up to 16 hours without hotel accommodation because two Swedish-registered Tristars, originally registered in Hawaii, were delayed by "technical problems".

Officials at Manchester airport — and Avro, the ticket agents — were infuriated by the delays, which appeared to stem from unrealistic timetables, inadequate radio equipment and technical problems. Most of the 600 passengers on the two flights had booked within the past few weeks, paying as little as £129 return to fly to Ibiza and £115 return to Malaga. Many of the passengers claimed they were refused hotel accommodation and that the airline blamed the delay on "air-traffic control problems in France".

Now Bata is pressing for tighter regulations on foreign-registered airlines, as well as aircraft.

Under guidelines issued last month, airlines based in the United Kingdom can use a foreign-registered aircraft for only a very short defined period; for example, in an emergency to cover a sudden technical problem. Any longer use of a leased aircraft has to go through a series of complex processes, which could take a month.

Howard Davies, the secretary of Bata, said: "Delays such as those at Manchester give the whole industry a bad name. The new guidelines are designed to prevent the rogue British-registered airline from bringing in much cheaper foreign jets and making them available at cut prices on the British market." But he added that more needed to be done "to tighten up on the rules which allow a European-registered airline to operate in the British market".

The department maintains, however, that it has no control over such airlines because they are registered in a European Union country which is responsible for the safety of its own airlines. Just as they would not want a foreign country to challenge the standing of a British airline, so they agree not to challenge that of one registered elsewhere in Europe.

Unions target tourists

By Willy Newlands

INTERNATIONAL tourism has become the target for militant unions increasingly using their muscle against the large but fragile travel industry to force through their demands.

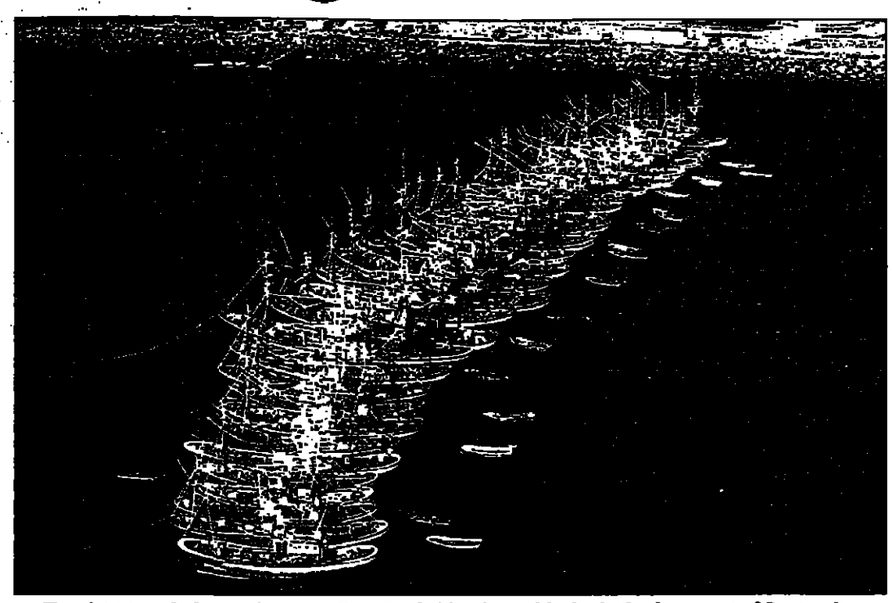
From Spanish fishermen blockading the Santander ferry port to French, Italian and Greek air-traffic controllers, travel workers seem determined to create maximum disruption in the pleasure business this summer.

Keith Betton, of the Association of British Travel Agents (Abta), believes that the problem lies partly with unions' determination to get their message across to the public. He says: "It is appalling that tourists are being held to ransom when they have no influence on the outcome of the disputes. It causes great misery but strikers see it as an easy way to get television time."

Next week's planned series of strikes by railway signalmen seem likely, for the first time, to disrupt weekend leisure travel. The signalmen have already been accused of using the height of the tourist season — when millions of unsuspecting foreign visitors arrive to find no train service — to cause highly publicised and embarrassing overseas TV coverage.

In France, runways have been blocked over proposals to trim Air France, and Eire's Aer Lingus workers have gone on strike over planned redundancies.

Nicholas Brimblecombe, of the agency Secret Spain, says the Spanish fishermen's strike in Santander has caused immense difficulties for tour operators. "When a few fishermen keep a ferry with 2,000 people waiting in the Bay of Biscay for up to 40 hours it causes great distress," he explains. "Tourism is of great value to northern Spain. A lot of local taxpayers' money is being invested in tourism there and this dispute is highly damaging."



Tourists' travel plans collapse as Spanish fishing boats blockade the ferry port of Santander

Now British Airways's 10,000 cabin-crew members are considering industrial action towards the end of the summer, which could disrupt traffic from Gatwick and Heathrow. The crews are unhappy about reorganisation and cost-cutting and the BA Stewards and Stewardesses Association have planned a strike ballot.

Cabin Crew 89, the union that represents BA staff on long-haul routes, may also force action in connection with the switching of business to Caledonian, the airline's non-union division.

The technique is by no means practised only in Europe; even the Gambian coup's leaders turned to foreign holidaymakers as the best source of news coverage for their grievances.

Martin Brackenbury, of the International Federation of Tour Operators, says: "The key factor is that at this time of year anything that does not go right with tourists is front-page news. It is not that tourists are being used by employees but that employees of these organisations are keen to resolve a number of issues. And the people who are affected are the tourists."

Mr Brackenbury, who spoke at an international conference in Mexico last week about threats to tourism, says that strikes are still a minor irritant compared with terrorism and crime. "In fact, when major tour operators analysed the results of last weekend's air-traffic control strike by the French, they were amazed to find that it had been one of the smoothest weekends of the entire summer season."

BA fare increases blocked

By Marianne Curphey

A BRITISH Airways plan to increase fares on routes to Japan, Africa, the Caribbean, Argentina, Cyprus and Israel has been blocked. The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) stopped the proposed rises on the ground that they were "excessive in relation to cost". This was despite an overall fall in business-class fares to mainland Europe.

BA wanted to raise its fares to Johannesburg, Lagos, and Nairobi by 3 per cent to £578, £484 and £462.

Fares to Larnaca, Cyprus, would have risen by 5 per cent to £412, to Buenos Aires by 4 per cent to £1,167, to Tel Aviv by 3 per cent to £476, to Nairobi by 3 per cent to £462 and to Tokyo by 4 per cent to £710. The fare to the Caribbean islands of Barbados, Antigua, and St Lucia would have risen by 2 per cent to £527.

The CAA's annual report said: "The first full year of the European single market saw some modest progress towards the development of more airline competition. The most significant changes in EU [European-Union country] fares occurred on those routes where a third airline was available to compete with the two entrenched flag-carriers.

"On other routes, both inside and outside the EU, where there is little effective competition, the CAA continues to have an important role in ensuring that there are no unwarranted increases in basic fares."

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NEWS

Rail strikers threatened with sack

■ Passengers struggled through an eighth rail stoppage as rail chiefs warned striking signallers that they face dismissal unless they return to work.

Senior ministers privately backed the hardening of the management's stance while publicly maintaining that resolution of the dispute was a matter for railway bosses. BR said it had managed to run approximately a third of its normal 15,000 train services Pages 1, 2, 16

Medical leaders back NHS forum

■ Four senior figures in the medical establishment write separately to *The Times* to express their support for a fundamental examination of the future of the NHS. They say that the NHS must stay loyal to its principle that all patients are treated equally Pages 1, 17

Lib Dem split

A damaging rift surfaced in the Liberal Democrat Party as Paddy Ashdown snubbed calls from founding members of the SDP to establish closer links with Tony Blair and Labour Page 1

Out of hiding

Taslima Nasreen, the Bangladeshi writer in hiding for two months because of death threats from fundamentalist Muslims, surrendered to Dhaka High Court Page 1

Trawlers attacked

The Navy was sent to protect six British trawlers after they came under attack from militant Spanish fishermen on 11 boats while fishing 400 miles southwest of Land's End Page 1

Tory blueprint

The Tory chairman is to ask ministers to make a new era of rising prosperity, lower taxes and falling unemployment the centrepiece of the party conference in October Page 2

Care targets

Targets are to be set by councils for the delivery of community care to elderly, disabled and mentally incapacitated people Page 2

Secret support

A man who was secretly supporting his illegitimate child killed himself after receiving maintenance notices from the Child Support Agency Page 3

BT price cut

BT is to cut the cost of directory inquiry calls from almost 45p to 25p from September, a reduction that will cost BT £84 million a year Page 6

Record drug haul

Customs officers at London's airports, who last year made a record seizure of drugs with a street value of £75 million, said that traffickers could only be thwarted if every passenger were searched Page 8

Battlefields

The epic conflicts at Bosworth, Tewkesbury and Edgehill are revisited in the fourth day of the *Times* guide to battlefields of Britain Page 9

Lagos strike clashes

Three people died when police in Lagos clashed with protesters at the start of a general strike aimed at toppling Nigeria's military government Page 11

Diplomats killed

Three French policemen and two consular officials were killed in Algiers during an attempt to blow up a residential block that houses French embassy staff Page 12

Karadzic isolated

Radovan Karadzic's position as leader of the Bosnian Serbs was believed to be in jeopardy, as Russia persuaded the West to cease all contact with him and his colleagues Page 13

Mini Jurassic Park found in shed

■ Customs officers who smashed an international ring dealing in exotic animals found more than 100 reptiles in a garden shed painted with scenes from *Jurassic Park*. The snakes, lizards, baby alligators and tarantula spiders, worth up to £10,000 each, were to be shipped to collectors in Europe after being imported from Pakistan Page 2



WIN McNAMEE

President Clinton with the singer Patti LaBelle, one of 800 guests at a Democrat party in Washington to mark his 48th birthday soon

BUSINESS

Supermarket wars: Tesco is poised for victory in the bid battle for William Low, the Scottish supermarket group, after seeing off J Sainsbury with an increased offer of £247.4 million Page 23

Industrial aid: Leaders of the Institute of Directors explicitly backed Michael Portillo in his argument with Michael Heseltine over industrial aid, and declared full employment to be an impossible economic target Page 23

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 2.9 points to close at 3160.4. Sterling's trade-weighted index remained at 79.3 Page 26

Cricket: All eyes turn to the England cricket team and its captain, Michael Atherton, for the second Test against South Africa at Headingley after the ball-tampering controversy that dirtied the Lord's match Pages 39, 44

Show jumping: Nick Skelton finished second and helped lift the British team to fourth place after the first round of the world championships in The Hague Page 44

Yachting: Farce reigned in Cowes Week as competitors in the Britannia Cup were sent to round a marker buoy that had been removed years ago Page 42

Running disorders: Surveys of élite female runners have found many to be obsessive calorie-counters with nutritionally deficient diets Page 14

Made in heaven: The marriage of Michael Jackson to Lisa Marie Presley brings together the great houses of Graceland and Neverland. Ben Macintyre reports from New York Page 15

Going for a song: Affordable opera is becoming a feature of weekend breaks and short holidays in Britain this summer Page 20

Little Mac: New films opening at the cinema this week include the latest featuring the moppet superstar Macaulay Culkin, *Getting Even With Dad*, and an admirable film noir entitled *The Last Seduction* Page 31

Globe of the North: A hotelier in Yorkshire has raised £1.2 million towards building a reconstruction of Shakespeare's theatre in his grounds Page 31

Hollow Ring: A "total lack of any clear vision or controlling idea" says Barry Millington of Bayreuth's new *Ring* cycle, conducted by James Levine Page 33

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



John Millar, 91, who sold the family silver and art collection to finance a nine-year legal battle with Lloyd's, has won £4.5 million compensation Page 3



Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, who celebrates her 94th birthday today with a new portrait by Lord Snowdon Page 5



Roger Altman, the US Treasury adviser, whose ten-hour testimony to the Whitewater inquiry was described as unbelievable Page 10

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Pop on Friday

■ "One hundred and one people are in a dingy hall listening to an American with a 1970s haircut. Women are a token presence. This is a serious guitar scene"

Moving to another terminal

■ Interested in working abroad? Sean Hallahan writes on prospects for information technology specialists in America and on the Continent

Networking for fun

■ Up to 65 players across the country will soon be able to play computer games against each other simultaneously, using a new network

Roy Ranson, the detective who led the Lord Lucan case, returns to the trail of the missing peer 20 years later. *True Stories: Dead Lucky* (Channel 4, 9.30pm) Page 43

Blair's gang

The support of three of the four founders of the SDP for Tony Blair's Labour Party has infuriated Paddy Ashdown Page 17

Curdled justice

The prosecution of six Kurdish MPs for treason highlights the chasm that still separates Turkey from the Europe to which it aspires Page 17

Ordered responsibility

Yesterday's joint report by the Police Foundation and the Policy Studies Institute on the role of the police is a welcome contribution to debate Page 17

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Who decides interest rates? Is it the Chancellor of the Exchequer or the Governor of the Bank of England? Neither Page 16

ANDREW ROBERTS

After the war, the absurd goal of full employment came to be accepted by Tories as being worthwhile in itself, rather than a temporary by-product of an over-revved economy. There can be no better indication of the problem we are about to face than the sight of ministers like David Hunt now embracing this dangerous will-o'-the-wisp Page 16

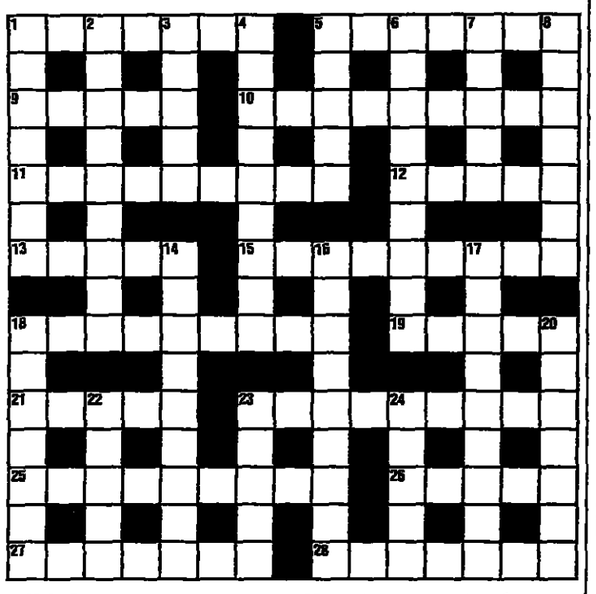
Hidalgo Moya, architect; **Joan Foa**, artists' muse and jewellery designer; **Edgar Sowton**, consultant cardiologist Page 19

Can new healthcare forum solve NHS problems? Page 11

Only straight, complete answers can keep Whitewater "misunderstandings" from tying the administration and its officials in knots
— USA Today

America should not drift into a position where it feels compelled to invade [Haiti] because it can't think of anything else to do
— Washington Post

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,612



ACROSS

1 Top reserves included officer (7).
5 Not on the usual route? That's strange (3-4).
9 No man's wife could be so wrong (5).
10 Name of a square Spanish cape (9).
11 Preliminary celebration for one of the union negotiators (4,5).
12 Somebody's trunk initially trundled about (5).
13 Provides sailors for a voyage in the sound (5).
15 Illustration inaccurate? Reckon so (6,3).
18 For each Central American rebel, it's just the opposite (3,6).
19 Turn horse around to cover the same ground again (5).
21 Withdraw international force, for example (5).
23 Following complaint, takes out meat (9).
25 Speak in church after, for example, hymn is heard (9).
26 Against another country, failing to finish could be decisive (5).
27 Stuff English family put in cheese dish (7).
28 Sort of wine sailor's taken as cure (3-4).

DOWN

1 Top-quality work produced by pupils in college, initially (7).
2 Fellow in possession of vessel state's taken over (9).
3 Author as original as Poe (5).
4 It's clearly made to catch expert in good shape (3,6).
5 Speaker's expertise, admitting nothing near the knuckle (5).
6 Sycophant is comparatively dull, monarch concludes (9).
7 He worked in bars, distributing lager (5).
8 Produce a number of voters (4-3).
14 Relations bound to be too good to be true? (5-4).
16 Port and wine to finish off (9).
17 Short race organized for players (9).
18 Person who chooses to be less slim (7).
20 After fish, allowed a little cake (7).
22 Bad weather in August or March (5).
23 Northern peak in African country (5).
24 Understanding, for example, about verses (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,611

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Margate, Kent, and Coltishall, Norfolk, 24C (75F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Pembrey Sands, Dyfed, 0.72in; highest sunshine: Scarborough, North Yorkshire, 11.8hr.

FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have a very warm and humid day. There will be some bright or sunny spells but also showers, heavy and thundery in the north and west initially. East Anglia and southeast England may not see them until later in the day. Northern Ireland and Scotland will have a mix of sunshine and showers. The showers will be light in the west with the heaviest in eastern Scotland. Many places will become dry and bright later, although Northern Ireland will see a little rain.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia:** sunny spells, thundery showers later. Wind southeast light veering southwest. Hot. Max 28-30C (82-86F).

☐ **Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, NW England, Lake District, Central N, NE England:** bright intervals and heavy showers, some thunder. Wind light south or southeast veering west. Max 23-26C (73-79F).

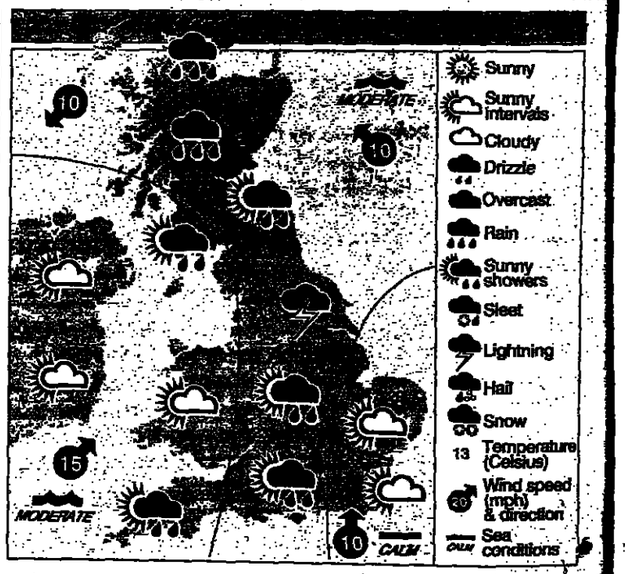
☐ **SW England, S Wales, N Wales:** sunny spells and scattered showers, dry later. Wind light and variable veering west. Max 23C (73F).

☐ **Isle of Man, Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland:** some sun and isolated light showers. Wind light southerly veering southwest. Max 19-21C (66-70F).

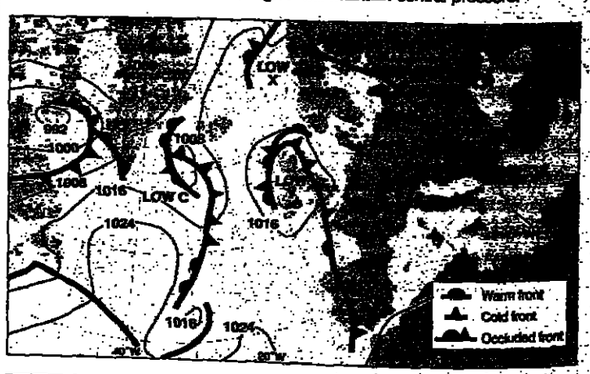
☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands:** sunny intervals, heavy showers developing, drier later. Wind light south or southwest. Max 20-23C (68-73F).

☐ **Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** rain clearing, brighter later. Wind light south or southeast. Max 17-20C (63-68F).

☐ **Outlook:** thundery rain soon clearing eastern England with fresher, mainly dry weather following.



Changes to the chart below from noon: low Y and low X will gradually move northeastwards and fill. High F will maintain central pressure.



24 hrs to 6 pm: t=thunder; dr=drizzle; ds=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright; dss=dust storm

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.3	0.01	20	68	r	Littlehmptn	3.4	0.01	19	66	d
Anglesey	5.8	0.01	20	68	sh	Liverpool	7.0	0.08	21	70	r
Aspatria	7.9	-	20	68	d	London	4.2	-	22	72	c
Aviemore	0.6	-	19	66	d	Lowestoft	X				
Belfast	0.9	0.02	19	66	c	Manchester	5.3	0.08	20	68	r
Birmingham	1.2	0.01	19	66	r	Margate	10.4	-	24	75	s
Bognor R	1.8	0.01	19	66	d	Minehead	2.6	0.07	22	72	c
Bournem'th	1.2	0.16	19	66	r	Morecambe	7.3	0.01	22	72	s
Bristol	1.0	0.11	20	68	r	Newcastle	3.1	-	22	72	c
Buxton	4.9	0.44	18	64	c	Newquay	X				
Cardiff	1.3	0.38	19	66	r	Norwich	10.4	-	24	75	s
Clacton	X					Nottingham	4.1	-	20	68	b
Cleathorpes	8.7	-	22	72	s	Oxford	0.5	0.04	18	66	du
Colwyn Bay	7.1	0.06	20	68	s	Penzance	X				
Cromer	9.9	-	24	75	s	Plymouth	X				
Doncaster	6.7	-	22	72	s	Poole	0.8	0.14	19	66	d
Dunbar	5.7	-	24	75	b	Ross-o-wye	1.2	0.03	19	66	r
Eastbourne	4.4	-	21	70	c	Ryde	1.9	0.04	21	70	d
Edinburgh	7.7	-	23	73	b	Salcombe		0.67	19	66	d
Eskdalemuir	0.8	0.04	18	64	c	Sandown	1.9	0.04	20	68	d
Exmouth	1.2	0.39	18	64	r	Saunton Strd	2.7	0.17	20	68	du
Falmouth	X					Scarboro'	11.8	-	22	72	s
Fishguard	2.5	0.12	20	68	r	Scilly Isles	1.0	0.39	19	66	fg
Folkestone	11.2	-	22	72	s	Shanklin	1.7	0.11	19	66	r
Glasgow	2.3	-	21	70	b	Shrewsbury	1.6	0.18	18	64	r
Guernsey	2.2	0.33	21	70	r	Skegness	9.1	-	22	72	s
Hastings	4.7	-	20	68	c	Southport	6.2	0.27	21	70	s
Hayling I.	1.8	0.02	20	68	r	Southsea	1.3	0.01	20	68	r
Herne Bay	11.5	-	24	75	s	Stornoway	-	-	15	59	c
Hove	1.0	-	19	66	c	Swanage	-	0.22	19	66	r
Hunstanton	X	-	23	73	c	Tenby	-	0.62	18	64	r
Ilfracombe	X					Tiree	0.8	0.21	15	59	r
Isle of Man	8.4	-	19	66	b	Torquay	0.4	0.40	19	66	r
Jersey	2.8	0.04	23	73	c	Tynemouth	5.3	-	19	66	b
Kirkwall	1.3	0.01	18	64	r	Wardhor	1.4	0.06	18	64	r
Leeds	7.1	-	23	73	s	West-s-mare	X				
Lerwick	0.9	-	15	59	c	Weymouth	0.6	0.24	18	64	r
Leuchars	6.0	0.04	24	75	r						

These are Tuesday's figures

Ajaccio	30	86	s	C'phagn	22	72	s	Majorca	33	91	s	Rome	30	86	s
Alicatn	31	88	s	Corfu	33	91	s	Malaga	27	81	s	Salzburg	30	86	s
Alex'dria	29	84	c	Dublin	20	68	s	Malta	28	82	s	S F'risci	16	61	f
Algiers	31	88	s	Dubrovnik	33	91	s	Malt'me	10	50	r	Santiago	15	59	s
Amst'dm	28	82	c	Faro	28	82	s	Mexico C	19	66	f	S Paulo	27	81	s
Athens	33	91	s	Florence	35	95	s	Miami	31	88	f	Seoul	31	88	c
Bahrain	-	-		Frankfurt	32	90	s	Milan	33	91	s	Sing'por	32	90	c
Bangkok	31	88	f	Funchal	24	75	c	Montreal	16	61	r	St'kholm	26	79	s
Barbados	31	88	f	Geneva	27	81	s	Moscow	21	70	f	Strasb'rg	31	88	s
Barcelona	28	82	s	Gibraltar	26	79	s	Munich	28	82	f	Sydney	14	57	s
Beirut	28	82	f	Helsinki	25	77	f	Nairobi	20	68	c	Tangier	27	81	s
Belgrade	32	90	s	Hong K	32	90	s	Naples	34	93	s	Tel Aviv	29	84	f
Berlin	28	82	f	Innsbrck	29	82	s	N Delhi	33	91	s	Tenerife	28	79	s
Bermuda	-	--		Istanbul	32	90	s	N York	31	88	f	Tokyo	36	97	c
Biarritz	27	81	s	Jeddah	37	99	s	Nice	28	82	s	Toronto	-	--	
Borde'x	33	91	s	Jo'burg	18	61	s	Oslo	25	77	s	Tunis	32	90	s
Brussels	28	82	s	Karachi	28	82	r	Paris	31	88	s	Valencia	31	88	f
Budapst	33	91	s	L Palmas	25	79	f	Peking	30	86	s	Vanc'ver	23	73	s
B Aires	9	48	f	Le Touqt	29	84	s	Perth	19	66	s	Venice	32	90	s
Cairo	31	88	s	Lisbon	28	82	s	Prague	28	82	f	Vienna	31	88	s
Cape Tn	17	63	s	L Angels	23	73	s	Reykjavik	13	55	c	Warsaw	25	77	s
Chicago	24	75	s	Luxembg	28	82	s	Rhodes	32	90	s	Wash'ton	35	77	r
Chr'church	-	--		Lyon	36	97	s	Rio de J	22	72	f	Wellington	-	--	
Cologne	30	86	s	Madrid	33	91	s	Riyadh	38	100	s	Zurich	30	86	s

Temperatures at midday local time X = not available

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.23	6.0	11.51	6.1	Liverpool	9.01	7.9	9.21	8.4
Aberdeen	11.25	3.7	11.44	3.9	Lowestoft	7.07	2.4	7.29	2.2
Avonmouth	4.38	10.7	5.04	11.3	Margate	9.32	4.1	10.05	4.2
Belfast	8.43	2.9	9.03	3.2	Milford Haven	3.46	8.6	4.44	8.9
Cardiff	4.21	9.92	4.45	10.51	Newquay	2.48	5.6	3.09	5.9
Devonport	3.18	4.5	3.39	4.8	Oban	3.51	3.2	4.01	3.3
Dover	8.48	5.6	9.06	5.8	Penzance	2.48	4.3	3.09	4.6
Falmouth	2.48	4.3	3.09	4.6	Portland	2.24	4.5	2.43	4.8
Glasgow	11.01	4.0	11.00	4.4	Portsmouth	3.59	1.3	4.29	1.5
Harwich	9.14	3.5	9.46	3.4	Shoreham	9.05	4.1	9.18	4.2
Holyhead	8.10	4.7	8.34	4.8	Southampton	8.50	5.2	9.06	5.3
Hull	3.58	6.16	4.28	6.18	Swansea	8.38	3.08	8.58	4.0
Ilfracombe	3.33	7.29	3.58	7.65	Tees	8.56	7.06	9.16	8.1
King's Lynn	4.02	5.4	4.31	5.4	Tilbury	1.14	4.05	1.41	4.5
Leith	12.08	4.7	12.35	4.7	W'ton-on-Nze	9.23	3.7	9.48	3.7

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Sun rises: 5.26 am
Sun sets: 8.44 pm
Moon sets: 6.34 pm
Moon rises: 2.29 am
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London 8.44 pm to 5.26 am
Bristol 8.54 pm to 5.36 am
Edinburgh 9.15 pm to 5.22 am
Manchester 9.00 pm to 5.28 am
Penzance 9.01 pm to 5.55 am

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Tesco poised to win battle for Wm Low

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

TESCO is poised for victory in the bid battle for William Low, the Scottish supermarket group, after it knocked J Sainsbury out of the fight with an increased 360p-a-share offer.

The new bid price is 18 per cent above the 305p-a-share offer made by Sainsbury last Thursday, and 60 per cent higher than Tesco's original bid of 225p-a-share announced less than three weeks ago. The latest deal, which values Wm Low at £247.4 million, includes a revised cash offer to convertible preference shareholders of 169p, up from 105½p.

Sainsbury refused to top Tesco's revised offer and within an hour of the deal appearing on City screens announced that it was withdrawing from the contest. Its decision surprised many analysts, who had been expecting a fierce bidding war between Britain's two biggest supermarket groups. Both sides are eager to expand in Scotland having exhausted most growth opportunities south of the border.

Although Sainsbury lost the battle for Wm Low, many in the City believe it has won a strategic victory. One food *retailing analyst said: "Sainsbury has forced Tesco to* pay almost £100 million more than it originally planned. Tesco may have got what it wanted, but it has had to pay top dollar and it will have to work a lot harder now to generate an acceptable return."

Sir Ian MacLaurin, Tesco's chairman, dismissed such claims saying: "Obviously it would have been better if we had got Wm Low for 225p than 360p, but we still feel confident that we can get a lot out of the business." Tesco says its offer will be earnings-enhancing from next year.

■ Many in the City believe that Sainsbury has won a strategic victory by forcing Tesco to pay almost £100 million more than it originally intended to for William Low

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David Quarmby, a Sainsbury joint managing director, said: "It would have been nice if we had won. Wm Low was an opportunity but it was not one we were prepared to go for at any price."

If the deal goes ahead, Tesco will almost double its share of the Scottish grocery market from 7 per cent to just under 14 per cent, still behind Argyll but well ahead of Sainsbury, which holds less than 5 per cent. However analysts believe Sainsbury can still establish a significant presence in Scotland as it will have less competition from Tesco for new supermarket sites.

Sainsbury is now also free to pursue other acquisition opportunities, particularly in North America, where it has made no secret of its desire to add to Shaws, its New England supermarket chain. Analysts fear Tesco's options may now be constrained given the high price proposed for Wm Low. One analyst said: "Tesco may have lost an opportunity to get another long-term growth leg." However, David Reid, Tesco's finance director, insisted the group still had plenty of room for manoeuvre.

The certain winners in the contest are Wm Low directors who are set to make a substantial profit from their share options. James Millar, chairman, could make almost £320,000 from his, while Harvey Findlay, finance director, may be more than £230,000 better off. Mr Millar also owns 27,000 ordinary shares while Mr Findlay has about 3,000. Yesterday, the Wm Low board gave its full backing to Tesco's offer. The main institutional shareholders, which include Clerical Medical and M&G Investment Management, also stand to benefit.

With Sainsbury out of the race and the appearance of another rival bidder unlikely, Tesco should have a clear run to the finishing post, although the deal has to be cleared by the Office of Fair Trading.



James Millar, left, with Sir Ian MacLaurin

ADRIAN BROOKS



Support: Tim Melville-Ross at the Institute yesterday

IoD leaders back Portillo call to cut aid to industry

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

LEADERS of the Institute of Directors yesterday explicitly backed Michael Portillo in his row with Michael Heseltine over industrial aid — and declared full employment impossible as an economic target, insisting there would always re*main a "pool" of unemployed.*

The IoD's support for Mr Portillo, now Employment Secretary, raises the prospect of a clear division between Britain's principal business organisations, with the Confederation of British Industry backing the maintenance of Government spending on aid by Mr Heseltine's Department of Trade and Industry.

In his first formal statement since taking over this week as director-general of the IoD, *Tim Melville-Ross said the* idea in Mr Portillo's leaked letter on DTI spending, written when he was Treasury Chief Secretary, that Mr Heseltine was not finding enough spending cuts was a "trenchant point".

He said: "I am on the side of Mr Portillo if the message that he is trying to get across is to cut Government expenditure"; he added that he expected the President of the Board of Trade to respond to the Trea*sury's calls and reduce expen*diture on industrial aid.

Mr Melville-Ross accepted there was a clear difference on the issue between the IoD and the CBI, whose own director-general, Howard Davies, yesterday rejected sweeping cuts in state support for industry; in many areas, however, their "thrust" was the same.

He maintained that the DTI did intervene too much in industry, but he also thought that the department and the *Government had an impor*tant role to play in helping to improve competitiveness by providing the right conditions and regulatory framework.

Mr Davies has also given support to the objective of full employment, but Mr Melville-Ross specifically rejected it: "In my view full employment is not possible. If markets are operating properly there will always be a pool of unemployed people — though hope*fully for a short time." Full* employment had only really occurred in command economies, though the removal of rigidities in the labour market would get Britain as close to full employment as it could be.

Although Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, has identified unemployment as the principal economic problem, jobs and the labour market did not feature in Mr Melville-Ross' list of seven priorities for the IoD: education, corporate gov*ernance, small and medium* enterprises, regulation, further privatisation, taxation and Europe.

He summed his priority list up as "competitiveness", and announced the results of a special survey of directors on Mr Heseltine's competitiveness White Paper.

Fifty-one per cent of the sample of 300 IoD members surveyed last month were unaware of the White Paper, while of the 49 per cent who *knew about it, only 37 per cent* were in favour of it: 19 per cent were unfavourable. 36 per cent had no view and 8 per cent did not know.

IoD leaders accepted this was far from a ringing acknowledgement of the White Paper, and agreed that Mr Heseltine and the DTI still had a considerable job ahead in promoting the document's ideas and proposals. Nine out of 10 directors surveyed put education and training at the *top of the list of Government* action that would most assist them improve the business competitiveness.

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Warburg penalised over Lasmo deal

BY CARL MORTISHED

SG WARBURG, the City's most powerful merchant bank, has been told by the Stock Exchange to give an estimated £300,000 to charity to settle its row with Swiss Bank Corporation over the cash sale of a ten per cent block of shares in Lasmo.

The Stock Exchange may need to rewrite a section of its rulebook on share dealings to ensure that the problem does not recur. The Exchange said yesterday that it would consult with the Takeover Panel in its review of its dealing rules. The merchant bank is thought to be making a donation to Rwanda emergency relief. Warburg would not comment on the settlement yesterday.

The dispute erupted in the final days of Enterprise Oil's bid for Lasmo when the broking arm of SG Warburg, which was advising Enterprise, picked up 10 per cent of Lasmo from three institutions, paying some £170 million. The tactic angered other shareholders who were left out of the cash offer, including Swiss Bank Corporation who left a "limit order" with Warburg's market maker the previous day to sell shares for clients. Warburg has consistently denied the existence of a firm order, claiming "there were just telephone conversations."

Swiss Bank said it was pleased with the settlement: "Our relations with Warburg are as happy as we have always wished them to be." The dispute has centred on the interpretation of Stock Exchange Rule 4.23 concerning "agency crosses". According to the Exchange, when a broker acts as middleman, buying and selling a block of shares for different clients, the deal must be offered to a market-maker to allow it to participate.

The Exchange is believe to be concerned that the rules do not provide for a situation where a market-maker chooses not to participate.

PIA head received £110,000

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE Personal Investment Authority yesterday confirmed that Sir Gordon Downey, who resigned last September after less than a year as its chairman, received a pay-off of £110,000.

A spokesman for the PIA, which now regulates all firms selling pensions and investments to the public, said: "Sir Gordon was paid £110,000, less tax, in compensation, which is the equivalent of one year's fees."

Sir Gordon, who was replaced by Joe Palmer, former head of Legal & General, declined to comment.

The compensation for Sir Gordon, former chairman of Fimbra, the regulator for independent financial advisers, will anger advisers, who face an 18 per cent rise in membership fees on joining the PIA.

The PIA said higher fees would provide "enhanced standards of regulation".

Oflot chief calls in Sir Paul Fox

BY MELVYN MARCKUS, CITY EDITOR

SIR Paul Fox, former managing director of BBC Television, has been appointed a consultant to Oflot, the authority responsible for the National Lottery, set to go live in November.

Inquiries by *The Times* reveal that Peter Davis, director-general of the National Lottery, has requested Sir Paul to advise him on the sale of broadcasting rights. Mr Davis's *move raises the possibility that* the recent proposal by Camelot, the lottery operator, to award the BBC exclusive television rights for the weekly lottery draw may be overruled.

Camelot, which was formally awarded its licence last week, has submitted proposals to Oflot for an exclusive deal with the BBC, but the final decision rests with Mr Davis. The BBC won the battle to broadcast the Saturday evening draw in June, after a *fierce contest with ITV. British* Sky Broadcasting also expressed interest in televising the draw, which is expected to capture up to 25 million viewers each week.

A spokesman for Oflot stressed that Sir Paul had been chosen to assist Mr Davis in view of his breadth of experience within the television industry. Before joining the BBC in 1988, Sir Paul was managing director of Yorkshire Television. He is a former chairman of the ITV Network Programme Committee and is currently a non-executive director of Thames Television.

Speculation has it that the BBC paid more than £1 million for the exclusive rights. Oflot's spokesman stressed *that Mr Davis's over-riding* responsibility is to ensure that the funds for good causes are maximised. Mr Davis's decision on whether to endorse Camelot's proposed arrangements with the BBC is expected by the end of the month. Sir Paul's appointment is on a part-time basis.



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Lloyd's agency plans for limited company

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

THE metamorphosis of the Lloyd's of London insurance market is gathering pace, with one managing agency planning to set up a single syndicate corporate company, in which investors will be able to buy and sell shares.

Currently, investors can buy and sell shares in a range of listed corporate capital companies that, in turn, invest in Lloyd's syndicates. However, a growing number of Lloyd's insiders believe that, in the not too distant future, these corporate vehicles will be able to dip in and out of different syndicates by buying and selling shares in the syndicates themselves.

D. P. Mann, the Lloyd's agency, is looking at the possibility of setting up a single syndicate limited company for its syndicate 435, which has underwriting capacity of £205 million in the current year.

Robert Mackenzie, the chief executive of D. P. Mann, said: "The idea is that we would offer all our existing 4,500 names shares in the company."

In a letter to members' agents and Lloyd's advisers, D. P. Mann says: "We are currently exploring the possibilities of forming our own dedicated corporate syndicate."

Mr Mackenzie said: "The uncertainties in the world are such that we will get quicker and more violent insurance cycles.

"The unlimited name is not well suited to that environment because we have no way of buffeting names from the swings in the market."

D. P. Mann wants to set up a limited company for syndicate 435, which has produced profits for its names in each of the past ten years. Mr Mackenzie hopes to have the new company up and running in time for the 1995 underwriting year and eventually to list it on the stock exchange.

A name would receive shares based upon his investment in the syndicate. For example, a name who was underwriting £50,000 in the syndicate would have to stump up £25,000 for his shares.

At present, Lloyd's rules do not allow single syndicate corporate companies without special dispensation. However, it is believed that the Lloyd's ruling council is reviewing the situation.

Mr Mackenzie said that a problem needing ironing out is that a name's funds held at Lloyd's cannot be transferred to back his underwriting on a limited liability basis. The funds have to be retained to back his previous underwriting as an unlimited name. As a result, a name switching from unlimited liability would have to find fresh funds.

Mr Mackenzie said: "We want our existing names to be the main investors in this company. The problem is that names don't have any money, so we are trying to find ways of enabling them to participate."

Several schemes are being worked on to try to bring this about.

Home loans from banks show second quarter fall

BY ROBERT MILLER

MORTGAGE lending by banks fell in the second quarter of this year to £1.6 billion from £1.9 billion, according to figures published by the British Bankers' Association.

The BBA said the figures were distorted to an extent by a £235 million mortgage securitisation programme. Nevertheless, this is the third consecutive quarter in which bank mortgage lending has fallen.

Overall, bank lending to all sectors fell from £3.8 billion in the first quarter to £1.4 billion in the second. The BBA said that with Easter at the beginning of April this could have bought forward some transactions and borrowing from April into March. It added: "The apparent sharp deceleration in lending between the first and second quarter may therefore have been exaggerated to some extent."

But figures for all mortgage lending, published by the Bank of England yesterday, confirmed that the housing market recovery appears to have faltered. The Bank's statistics show that on a seasonally-adjusted quarterly basis mortgage lending by all institutions rose only £800 million between the first and second quarters to almost £14 billion.

On a monthly basis, the Bank figures show gross mortgage lending was almost unchanged between May and June at £4.7 billion against £4.52 billion in June last year.

Lord Inchyra, director-general of the BBA, said: "For the last three years, the composition of lending by the major British banks has been fairly consistent. Persons have been increasing borrowing every quarter, while non-financial companies have generally been repaying bank borrowing, largely by turning to capital markets.

"Financial companies, on the other hand, have been active borrowers most quarters. But when they too make net repayments as in the last quarter, it has quite a significant effect on total lending."

Ron Armstrong, deputy director-general of the Council of Mortgage Lenders, said: "The various statistics relating to the housing market continue to show a mixed picture. But the underlying trend appears to be a sluggish recovery with only modest monthly changes in the level of lending, transactions and house prices."

☐ The Bank of England yesterday announced final figures for June's money supply. The broad supply, M4, was up 0.4 per cent with the annual aggregate revised to 5.6 per cent (5.7 per cent). Sterling lending in June was £2.9 billion. Provisional monthly figures for M0 in July show a 0.7 per cent rise.



Susan Wolff, wife of Peter Wolff, and a designer with the Susan Woolf chain

Housing groups attack cut in state funding

BY ROBERT MILLER

HOUSING associations and the housing profession in general have condemned cuts in housing association grants announced yesterday by David Curry, the housing minister, and warned of rent rises for those least able to afford them.

Mr Curry said that the average housing association grant would be cut from the present 62 per cent, worth £1.5 billion, to 58 per cent in the next financial year, 1995-96. The fall in government funding means that housing associations must raise even more from the private sector, such as banks and building societies.

The National Federation of Housing Associations (NFHA) described the cut in average grant level as "a deeply disappointing result, clearly driven by Treasury objectives, not housing and economic needs".

Jim Coulter, chief executive of the NFHA, said that the Government had ignored all the advice it has received, including that from the Council of Mortgage Lenders who had insisted on a 60 per cent minimum on behalf of the private finance sector.

He added: "Affordability problems for housing association tenants will be made much worse. On average, rents for new homes at this grant level are likely to be 30 per cent higher in 1996 than 1993 rents. The poverty trap will be deepened and work disincentives increased."

Jason MacGilp, for the Chartered Institute of Housing, said: "We are dismayed."

☐ Money raised from selling or mortgaging homes is set to add billions of pounds to consumer spending by the turn of the century, according to forecasts published today by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation.

The foundation estimates that mortgage equity withdrawal, which in 1988 accounted for more than 7 per cent of disposable personal incomes, is set to make a return to reach the equivalent of 3 per cent of disposable income by 2000.

Mortgage equity withdrawal will grow because the number of homes inherited is set to increase by about 50 per cent, to more than 180,000 a year, by the beginning of the next century. By then, equity withdrawal will amount to some 3 per cent of disposable income, the foundation said.

A second Rowntree study suggests that contrary to the popular belief that almost all those affected by negative equity were first-time buyers, one in three may have been moving for a second or subsequent time. The study says that some people affected had been over-ambitious in trading-up to a dearer house. Others had used a big mortgage to release money from sale of a previous home to buy furniture, cars or holidays.

Bad advice tops Imro complaints

BY SARA MCCONNELL, PERSONAL FINANCE CORRESPONDENT

ALLEGEDLY poor pension transfer advice accounted for a third of the 71 complaints about bad advice received by the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro) between April and June.

Complaints about questionable advice, including pension transfers, easily topped a list of 185 complaints, published in Imro's first quarterly *Performance Indictors* yesterday. The report is an attempt by the regulator to make itself more accountable to members and to investors. Phillip Thorpe, Imro's chief executive, said: "We are trying to increase accountability and instil a greater degree of confidence in the regulatory system. We know this in in short supply."

Mr Thorpe said 39 Imro firms, mostly large independent financial advisers, had carried out pension transfers. Of these firms, 12 had been heavily involved. But no disciplinary action has yet been taken against any of the firms.

Most of these firms will be expected to join the Personal Investment Authority, as it deals with private investors. Imro, however, would continue to investigate their pension transfer business. Of Imro's 1,141 members, up to 40 are expected to apply to the PIA.

Imro imposed fines on firms totalling £40,000 in the quarter on three firms, Hodgson Martin, Lancaster Hilton and Abbey Unit Trust Managers.

Mr Thorpe admitted that there was a hard core of firms whose application to join had taken more than 12 months. Two of the 44 applications outstanding in June were more than 12 months old. Of the 49 investigations, six had taken more than 12 months.

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Gent loses £7m on shop chain

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

S R GENT, the clothing company, is withdrawing from its Susan Woolf high street chain at a cost of £7 million.

The 28-strong chain, with outlets in Britain, The Netherlands, Belgium and Germany, was launched in February of last year. But Peter Wolff, Gent's chairman, said its trading losses were much higher than the anticipated £1 million.

Mr Wolff said Susan Woolf's problems have hit Gent's pre-tax profits, which will now be below the £3 million expected by the market. He added the venture would have taken two years to break even so it was in Gent's best interests to concentrate on its profitable manufacturing side, where it is a big supplier to Marks and Spencer.

He hopes a buyer can be found for the chain and has had talks with several retailers in the past three weeks.

Footwear group to float at £73m

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

DANIEL Sullivan, executive chairman and 47.1 per cent shareholder in Chamberlain Phipps, the footwear group that is coming back to the stock market in a £73.6 million flotation, makes an unusual and public confession of some of his failed investments in CP's prospectus.

"I sure as hell didn't like drawing up a list of the things that have gone wrong. But it was thought investors should know that while overall my investments have yielded a substantial profit ... there have also been some unsuccessful ones", he says.

CP seeks to raise £37.7 million via an issue of 22.9 million shares at 165p each, of which £5.4 million is earmarked for the redemption of preference capital and £21.8 million to reduce borrowings.

Mr Sullivan admits he put $2.5 million into a $16.2 million leveraged buy-out of Kasle Steel in America, certain companies of which filed for protection under Chapter 11 in March, 1986. He was lead investor with $1 million in a $43.8 million buy-out of Yellow Front Stores, which went into liquidation in October, 1993. And he put $2.4 million behind a $42.7 million buy-out of Family Bargain Stores in America, which filed for protection in 1992.

In the late 1980s, he also invested in development property in America, guaranteeing loans that were called in.

Mr Sullivan will own 25 per cent of CP after flotation. He and two fellow directors are entitled to a bonus if certain earnings growth targets are reached.

The shares are due to be traded on August 15.

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Majority for merger at Northern Rock

THE proposed merger between Northern Rock Building Society and the North of England, its smaller neighbour, will go ahead on October 1 after votes by members of both societies. A big majority of members who voted approved the deal, which will move the enlarged Northern Rock up from 11th to 10th place in the building society league table.

Among North of England investing members, who are due for a small bonus as part of the deal, 28,333 voted for and 1,830 against, a majority of 93.9 per cent in favour. Borrowers voted 5,840 to 484 for the link-up, a majority of 92.3 per cent. Northern Rock, based in Newcastle, said it had received an overwhelming yes vote among its members who took part in the ballot on the merger proposal. Robert Dickinson, chairman, said: "The merger will go ahead on October 1, subject to final confirmation by the Building Societies Commission. It is good news for everyone, but particularly members and staff."

Disney rights success

EURO Disney's Fr6 billion rights issue, to boost its financial restructuring, has been 80 per cent subscribed, according to reports in Paris. The success of the issue, expected to be confirmed soon, will come as a relief to Walt Disney, the majority shareholder, and provide confidence for the billionaire Saudi prince who joined the fray in June. Prince al-Waleed bin Talal bin Abdulaziz al Saud pledged to buy between 13 and 24 per cent of Euro Disney's shares from both Walt Disney and a consortium of 63 banks, depending on demand for the rights offering, which closed on July 11.

GKN £50m payment

GKN, the engineering group, has received the final £50 million of an £190 million settlement to a dispute between the recently acquired Westland Helicopters and the Arab Organisation for Industrialisation. The AOI was set up in 1975 by Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Egypt and formed a joint company with Westland called Arab British Helicopter Company to manufacture a minimum of 250 Lynx helicopters. But the project broke up in 1979 as a result of Egypt's peace treaty with Israel and led to Westland suing for damages for breach of contract.

Jobs threat at Scott

SCOTT, makers of Andrex, Britain's leading tissue paper brand, faces increased job cuts at its two British mills after a decision by Scott Paper, its American parent, to shrink its worldwide workforce by 10,500, almost one-third, by the end of this year. The mills at Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, and Northfleet, Kent, employ the bulk of Scott's British workforce of 1,800. Its UK headquarters is at East Grinstead, East Sussex. Scott Paper is to close and reduce capacity at older, high-cost plants, including more than 5 per cent tissue manufacturing capacity in America and Europe.

American General bid

AMERICAN General, the insurance group, has renewed a $2.6 billion bid for Unitrin, in spite of the smaller company's board rejecting the offer last month. The open cash offer is worth as much as 27 per cent above Unitrin's share price. James Tuerff, president of American General, said: "We believe that if Unitrin's shareholders were aware of our offer, they would agree with us and appreciate the opportunity to discuss this offer." The combined company could serve more than 8 million households and have assets of $50 billion and revenue of $6 billion.

World Cup helps BA

THE World Cup football tournament in America and rail strikes at home helped British Airways raise its scheduled passenger load factor 3.2 points to 79.2 per cent last month, its best showing ever in July. Higher fare traffic remained strong in July, with premium revenue passenger kilometres growing at twice the rate of main cabin traffic. Cargo traffic remained buoyant, with cargo tonnes per kilometre up 14.1 per cent in July, compared with the same month last year. Total scheduled revenue tonne kilometres were up by 9.6 per cent, with overall load factor up by 3.1 points to 72.5 per cent.

Halkin promises payout



HALKIN Holdings, latest corporate vehicle of Howard Hodgson, right, the former funeral-group entrepreneur, has promised a maiden dividend at the end of its financial year. Halkin, reshaped after buying the Ronson watches and Clifford airline listings businesses, saw acquisitions lift taxable earnings to £1.25 million for the half year to July 2, against an £830,000 loss in the six months to September 30, 1993, before restructuring. Earnings per share were 2.46p (14.2p loss).

Offer for Kembrey

CHEMRING, the lifejacket maker, is making a recommended share exchange offer for Kembrey, the electrical connectors company, valuing it at £4.8 million. Chemring is offering one new share for every 17 Kembrey shares, valuing each share in Kembrey at 17.6p. There is a cash and loan note alternative worth 16p a share. Irrevocable acceptances have been received from Kembrey directors in respect of their aggregate shareholdings of 27.5 per cent. Chemring is also raising £5.4 million through a placing and open offer of new shares on a one-for-ten basis. The shares are being placed at 272p each.

CRT buys for £6.3m

CRT, the training and consultancy company, is acquiring Systems Resources, a recruitment company operating in the information technology sector, for £6.35 million. It will be funded from a £9.5 million rights issue. CRT is offering two new shares for every nine held at 85p. CRT also announced financial results for the year to the April 30. Pre-tax profits were £532,000 (£3.3 million), affected by closure and disposal costs of £2.95 million. The total dividend is increased to 3.25p from 2.8p, with a final payment of 2.5p.

AKZO NOBEL

The Board of Management of Akzo Nobel N.V. – formerly Akzo N.V. – announces that on August 3, 1994, the results for the first half year of 1994 were published. Copies of this report may be obtained from the London Paying Agents:

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A summary of the results will be presented in the August 11 issue of this paper.

Arnhem, August 4, 1994

Akzo Nobel N.V.,
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High street banks go undercover

BY ROBERT MILLER

HIGH street banks and building societies, aware of their low standing in public esteem, are set to increase their use of undercover shoppers to test standards of customer service.

Over the next year financial institutions and their regulators will spend millions of pounds on mystery shopping, the system of testing service standards.

Retailers and hotel and restaurant chains have for some time used mystery shoppers, where specially trained evaluators assess how outlets and staff perform. Now a growing number of bank and building society branches are using this technique to test the effectiveness of their branch network and the ability of staff to respond to investors' needs and inquiries.

At a seminar held in London yesterday by MSS Research International, a firm of mystery shopping specialists, attended by leading banks and building societies including TSB, Alliance & Leicester Giro, formerly Girobank, and Yorkshire Bank, it emerged that the financial services sector is to spend at least £2 million on mystery shopping surveys over the next 12 months. Jill Craven, a manager at MSS, which belongs to the Market Research Society, the industry's governing body that operates a code of conduct for evaluators, said: "The staff in a particular financial institution are told that a mystery shopper will be visiting them, but they won't be told who or when." Alan Gilmour, head of marketing research at the TSB, which expects to spend up to £200,000 on mystery shopping in the next year, commented: "This is not a witch hunt among staff. But we want to know where we need to improve standards across a broad range of issues. Mystery shoppers do not make judgements, they give us objective information."

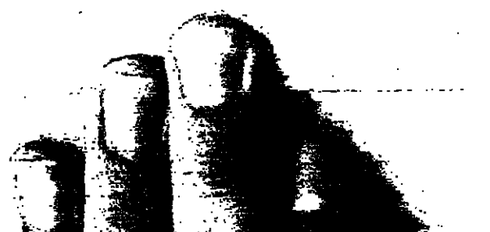


Finance sector plans £2m spending on mystery shoppers

Lautro, the outgoing regulator for life and unit trust companies, is currently using a pilot mystery shopping exercise to test how well member companies are maintaining new tougher standards of training and competence it has set for pensions and investment sales forces.

Adrian Walsh of Lautro said: " If this pilot is successful, the concept will be carried forward to the Personal Investment Authority, which is the new regulator for firms selling investments to the public."

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☐ Tim Melville-Ross has focused a crucial debate ☐ Hearne at bay ☐ BT cuts early and often

Directors set out their stall

☐ THE trailer for the Tim Melville-Ross show had our hero pulling the Institute of Directors back nearer the 1990s political mainstream. But his first performance revealed a change of tone rather than substance, confirming the old economic/industrial alliances in a new, albeit symbolic, guise: the CBI and Michael Heseltine versus the IoD and Michael Portillo.

The Government fudged that divide in its much-heralded but rapidly forgotten White Paper on competitiveness. The resulting policy statement was so stupefyingly tedious that seven out of ten IoD members polled for its response had not heard of it or had no opinion of it. Anyone who actually read the White Paper can testify that those busy directors showed sound judgment.

That White Paper fudge could cost the economy dear. Either policy line is only likely to work if it is followed through consistently department by department. Mixing the two in equal portions will get the economy nowhere. Mr Melville-Ross, like Mr Portillo, tries to be consistent. His call for cuts in public spending and tax, and his support for the Portillo line on the DTI's remaining intervention budget, are matched by a resigned belief that full employment is no longer feasible.

The IoD/Portillo stance supposes that government cannot cure the "market failure" of unemployment, or that markets are not failing because a generous pool of unemployed is required to keep inflation down and help industry be flexible and competitive. In that case, there is no point wasting public spending on the impossible or undesirable. If the tax burden is to come down, such "active" spending must be cut to accommodate the permanent social security burden of poverty.

Mr Melville-Ross quickly finds a contradiction. His members, while viewing lower taxes as synonymous with apple pie, are most concerned about the perceived inadequacy of the Government's education and training efforts. These come in the same category as Mr Heseltine's advice to small business or regional aids to inward investment or export promotion, but already use much more money.

Maybe Mr Portillo can reorganise his new department's training efforts to achieve more for less. Better state training efforts are much more likely to need extra cash from taxpayers. Directors' ideas on training actually fit far better with the reverse strategy, supported in varying degrees and with different perspectives across the Heseltine/Blair spectrum. That supposes that mass unemployment is the main cause of the high tax burden and that targeted discretionary spending to get industry moving will earn high dividends by cutting much more off passive spending on unemployment/poverty.

Such thinking did not work in Britain in the 1970s. Neither did Mrs Thatcher's thereafter. That is why the tax burden has grown, instead of shrinking.

Enterprise stands by

☐ SPECULATION that Graham Hearne, chairman and chief executive of Enterprise, is drumming his fingers in preparation for an imminent sale of the company's near 10 per cent stake in Lasmo would appear distinctly premature.

Lasmo's share price, benefiting from the recent strength of



black gold, has risen 15½p in the space of five trading sessions, steady yesterday at 156p. Hardly a trend that suggests an equity tap is about to be turned on. Nor, for that matter, a price level likely to set pulses racing at Enterprise which, in an abortive attempt to clinch its £1.6 billion takeover bid for Lasmo, shelled out 169p a share for half of PDFM's 16 per cent interest.

Carrying costs on Enterprise's £160 million investment are unlikely to be much north of £8 million but, as Hearne proclaimed loudest of all, Lasmo's dividend yield is not all that it might be. The wiliest strategy for Enterprise to pursue would be to sweat out the investment, leaving the option open to bid again for Lasmo (with something more attractive than A shares and warrants) in a year's time. It would be surprising if Hearne is not tempted to take another tilt at Lasmo, although institutional shareholders may well feel that enough is enough. That said, speculation over the possibility of an Enterprise bid Mark II could eventually propel Lasmo to usefully higher levels: particularly useful should a placing prove to be the end game.

As it is, the Prudential and Norwich Union, which between them hold 10 per cent of Enterprise, have already expressed concern over Hearne's retention of the dual roles of chairman and chief executive. The duo believe Hearne should remain chief executive but surrender the chair. Enterprise, whose non-executive line up includes John Gardiner, chairman of Laird, and Malcolm Bates, deputy managing director of GEC, favours the appointment of a chief executive from outside, with Hearne retaining the chair. Perhaps Hearne and his non-executives should be left to paddle their own canoe. After all, judging from Lautro's visits, the Pru and Norwich Union have much to tidy up within their own stables.

Cheaper calls can pay for all

☐ DON Cruickshank, the telecoms regulator, boxed BT's ears last year because it delayed delivering price cuts required under the price cap formula. Yesterday, just three days into the new price control year, BT duly unveiled the first in a new round of reductions.

From September 1, the cost of using directory inquiries is to fall by almost 45 per cent. That could lop £84 million off BT's annual revenues. BT's price cap is set at inflation minus 7.5 per cent and the inflation base was set at June's 2.6 per cent. So another £400 million will have to be handed back to customers by the end of July next year. Under the deal between BT and its regulator agreed in January, at least half of the overall changes, by value, must be in place by November 1. Last time, only £160 million of reductions had been unveiled by January.

This could turn out good news for BT. Publicity on price cuts last year contributed to a 7 per cent increase in the time customers spent on the phone. Meanwhile, costs of the network and services are falling fast.

Directory inquiries illustrate the point. The pricey 45p charge, introduced in 1991, was designed to cover the cost of the service. But BT has since invested £50 million in new technology, shed 6,500 of the original 10,500 operators involved, closed almost 50 centres, and still speeded up response time. Despite a 40 per cent cut in usage, the service can now break even at 20p.

If BT can manage the same trick in the rest of its business, price cuts early in the year may pay for shareholders too.

Regulating self

☐ THE Citizens Charter has reached City regulation. Imro's welcome first report on its own performance can afford to be more self-critical than three years ago. No doubt the two aspiring members who have had their applications in for more than a year will be as pleasantly reassured as patients waiting for hours in hospital waiting rooms that they are, at least statistically, an exception.

New World sold for £5.5m to management

By Carl Mortished

NEW World Domestic Appliances, owner of Britain's leading name in gas cookers, was sold for £5.5 million cash to a management buy-in yesterday by Blue Circle Industries, the building materials company.

Blue Circle will incur a £43.8 million exceptional charge against interim profits as a result of the disposal, comprising a £8.7 million write-off against the book value of New World and an additional write-down of £35 million of goodwill which is being reinstated in the balance sheet and written off against reserves.

The management team, led by Mike Hassall and chaired by Jeoff Samson, is being backed by Murray Johnstone Private Equity, the venture capital house, with senior debt provided by NatWest markets. Total funding for the deal is £10.5 million, of which £5.5 million is equity. Mr Hassall, said the team had worked for a year with Blue Circle on it. "The brand and its products are market leaders," he said.

New World, which is based in Warrington, Cheshire, has about 20 per cent of the UK cooker market and made a loss of £2.2 million last year on sales of £39.6 million. However, the buy-in team has plans to turn around a business which has been making and selling gas cookers for more than 40 years. We aim to bring it back into profit as quickly as possible, says a spokesman.

Mr Samson, who leads the buy-in team, has wide experience in the white goods market to bring to New World, formerly chief executive of Yale & Valor, he was managing director of GEC's consumer products group, responsible for Hotpoint, Creda and Cannon, a big competitor of New World in the gas cooker market.

Blue Circle acquired New World when the building materials group bought Birmid Qualcast in 1988. The deal was part of an acquisitions drive aimed at building up a home products division to counter the cyclicality of profits in its core cement business.

The Birmid deal was followed by Myson, the boiler maker, in 1989 and more recently Celcius, the French heating company. But Blue Circle has been retreating from its diversifications, having sold Atco Qualcast, the garden products business to its managment for £17 million two years ago.

Blue Circle, whose chairman is Sir Peter Walters, said yesterday that New World was the last of the disposals and it intended to concentrate on its main business of heavy building materials, heating and bathrooms.

Analysts have turned optimistic on Blue Circle, which is benefiting from a recovery in volumes in cement and a 4 per cent rise in prices put through in March. Yesterday its shares rose 1p to 320p.

Howard Seymour, a BZW construction analyst, noted that the Blue Circle write-off was mostly for goodwill. "It's a little bit disappointing but not as dramatic as it seems," he said. "It's good that they've got out of a business they shouldn't have been in in the first place."



MARTIN BEDDALL

Bill Turcan, chief executive of Harrisons & Crosfield, and Martin Anderson, finance director, announced £59 million profits yesterday

Chemical firms bounce back

By Colin Narbrough

SURGING profits at Akzo Nobel, the Dutch-Swedish chemical group, and DSM, the Dutch petrochemicals group, reinforced the picture of stronger than expected recovery in the European chemicals industry this year.

Akzo Nobel, Europe's ninth-biggest chemicals company, yesterday said that its net profit rose by 33 per cent in the second quarter on sales 5.5 per cent higher, at Dfl288 million (£105 million), in spite of a Dfl75 million charge, mainly from restructuring its fibres activities.

DSM saw first-half profits shoot ahead to Dfl181 million (£66 million), from just Dfl10 million last time on 12 per cent higher sales.

With Germany, Europe's most powerful economy coming out of recession, the west German Chemical Industry Association (VCI) reported "positive development" seen in the first quarter continuing in the second. Its latest quarterly report, issued yesterday, said that the German chemicals industry had enjoyed a better first half than had been expected, with the crucial reappearance of domestic demand in May and June.

Expectations for the rest of the year are that domestic business will continue to pick up as recovery becomes more firmly established. In the first half, German industry saw volume sales rose 4 per cent, and VCI said that incoming orders pointed to lasting revival in foreign demand as well as domestic demand.

Akzo Nobel, whose 1993 comparisons were based on a combination of the separate Akzo and Nobel Industrier results prior to merger last year, increased net profit per share in the first quarter to Dfl4.05 from Dfl3.06.

Pre-tax operating profit jumped to almost Dfl547 million, from Dfl307 million, lifting operating profit as a percentage of sales to 9.8 per cent, from 6.9 per cent last time. Chemicals, coatings, pharmaceutical and fibres all showed improved operating profits.

Syb Bergsma, Akzo Nobel chairman, said that the rise in volume sales had surprised the group. Prices were also an average 2 per cent higher in the second quarter.

Fionaven oil to be speeded up

By Martin Barrow

BP and Shell are to bring forward initial oil production from the giant Fionaven oil field in the North Sea west of Shetland.

The companies announced yesterday that an interim contract has been issued to a consortium of McDermott International and Golar-Nor Offshore to begin work on a floating production system for the first phase of the development of the field. Ouput of around 75,000 barrels a day, beginning late next year or early 1996, is envisaged. Oil will be produced through subsea wells into a floating production and storage vessel and brought ashore in shuttle tankers.

The Foinaven field lies in a North Sea block 80 per cent held by BP and 20 per cent by Shell. Recoverable reserves are estimated at 250-500 million barrels. John Browne, chief executive of BP Exploration, said: "This is an innovative scheme designed to produce early oil efficiently, safely and at low cost while we appraise the wider potential of the Shetland basin and consider options for the next phase."

Wickes doubles to £8.8m

By Susan Gilchrist

A STRONG performance from its DIY chain and a return to profitability at Hunter Timber helped Wickes more than double interim profits.

Pre-tax profits jumped to £8.8 million from £4.1 million in the six months to June 30 despite a £1.9 million restructuring charge for integration of Hunter and the loss-making Malden Timber. The interim dividend rises to 0.5p. (0.2p)

The DIY stores lifted sales 31 per cent bolstered by Wickes's aggressive opening programme of nine new outlets in the period. Eight more are planned in the second half bringing the total chain to 95 stores by the end of the year with 23 further openings in 1995. Like-for-like sales in existing stores rose 11 per cent on last year's period.

Henry Sweetbaum, chairman, said Wickes's market share had risen from 4.6 per cent to about 6.0 per cent reflecting the addition of new stores and its success in appealing to the serious DIY customer. The retail operations in continental Europe lifted sales 5 per cent with like for like growth of 1 per cent.

Hunter Timber turned an operating loss of £700,000 into a profit of £800,000 but Malden Timber was in the red despite strong second-quarter sales growth. Mr Sweetbaum expects Malden's losses to fall in the second half as the benefits of its integration with Hunter start to filter through.

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H&C sees 24% interim rise

HARRISONS & Crosfield will use the $273 million proceeds from last week's sale of Indonesian interests to build up its core chemical and timber and building products interests, according to Bill Turcan, chief executive (Colin Campbell writes).

H&C registered a 24 per cent improvement to £59.9 million in pre-tax profits for the six months to June 30, and is maintaining the interim dividend at 3.6p a share, declared out of net earnings of 4.6p a share (4.1p).

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Sir Peter: last disoposal

Southern talks to white knight

By Sarah Bagnall

A WHITE knight has emerged in the increasingly acrimonious battle for control of Great Southern Group, the British funeral services company contesting a hostile £99.1 million bid from Service Corporation International, of America.

The early afternoon announcement caught the City by surprise, coming after many shareholders — institutional and public — had earlier in the day accepted SCI's offer of 680p a share only to see the shares race ahead another 21p to 701p.

In a statement, Southern announced that "discussions are taking place with another company which may or may not lead to an offer being made by that company for the entire issued share capital of Great Southern. If such an offer is made, the board believes it will be at a higher level than the offer currently being made by SCI".

Eric Spencer, chief executive, said discussions had only commenced in the last few days but he would not comment further. He said shareholders would be kept informed of developments. Success of SCI's bid rests with Southern's 56.1 per cent shareholder, JD Field, the private company owned by Southern's founding family, the Fields.

Four members of the family — including Barry Field, MP for the Isle of Wight — sit on the board.

But the position is not straightforward for a rival bidder. After a share buying spree in the market SCI now owns 29 per cent of Southern's equity on a fully diluted basis and so could make life difficult for a rival bidder. Various names were suggested in the City as possible bidders, including Plantsbrook, the funeral company established by the flamboyant Howard Hodgson, who sold his stake and left under a cloud in 1991.

The scramble for control of Southern started in June with SCI's 600p-a-share offer, which virtually no shareholders accepted. On Tuesday, SCI upped its offer to 680p and entered the market to raid Southern's shares. Before SCI launched its initial offer Southern's shares stood at 475p.

Bill Heiligbrodt, SCI's president, said: "If there is any real substance behind the statement then clearly the Field family have decided they have to sell. But we own 29 per cent of the stock, so what sort of credence can be placed on the offerer."

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Profit-taking and softer bonds put brakes on progress

SHARES paused for breath after Tuesday's strong advance as light profit-taking, softer bonds and a mixed performance from Wall Street combined to put the brakes on further progress.

Underlying sentiment remains positive, underpinned by Tuesday's Bank of England quarterly inflation report which, while pointing to the need for an interest rate rise, signalled that any increase would not come for the next few months and any tightening would be preventative.

The FT-SE 100 index, which traded in a relatively narrow range, ended up 2.9 points at 3,160.4. Fund managers turned their attention to second-liners left behind in Tuesday's scramble for blue chips.

STOCK MARKET

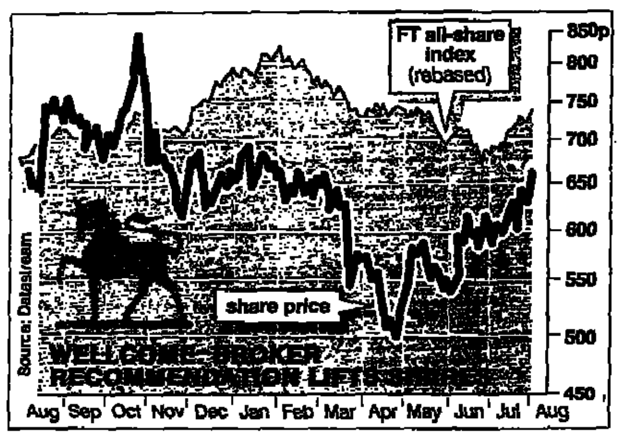
The FT-SE Mid 250 advanced 16.2 to 3,689.6. Volume of 710.3 million shares was moderate for the time of year.

Attention focused on the food retailing sector after **Tesco** eventually raised its bid for **Wm Low** to £247 million, topping the £210 million offer by **J Sainsbury**.

Wm Low shares surged 23p to 359p, on heavy turnover of 14 million, after Tesco trumped Sainsbury's 305p a share offer for the Scottish supermarkets group by raising its initial 225p a share offer to 360p. Sainsbury, unchanged at 419p, said that it would not lift its offer, leaving Tesco, down 5½p to 237½p, poised for victory.

Elsewhere, there were market whispers of another sizeable bid looming, possibly in the food manufacturing sector. Among potential bid targets mentioned, **United Biscuits** rose 1p to 333p and **AB Foods** fell 1p to 591p.

Commercial Union reversed an early fall inspired by market rumours that the composite insurer might bring forward the announcement of its interim results to today and hit the market with a hefty £500 million cash call to help to finance its acquisition of Groupe Victoire. But CU described the rumours as pure speculation. The shares ended 11p higher at 550p, though **General Accident**, also the subject of market speculation about a possible rights issue, fell 10p to 594p.



Pharmaceutical shares were in demand, particularly from US investors, after the overnight $8.5 billion American Home Products cash bid for American Cyanamid. **Wellcome**, one of our Tempus tips of the year, advanced 17p to 676p, bolstered by market speculation of a posible US bid for the group, a reiterated buy recommendation from Smith New Court.

Elsewhere in the sector, **Glaxo** added 9p to 603p, **Zeneca**, due to report interims today, gained 13p to 771p, and **SmithKline Beecham**, believed to be in asset-swap talks with Cyanamid of the US, held steady at 422p.

Profit-takers made their presence felt after the recent leap in earnings by **BP**, with the shares retreating 8p to 410½p, while **Shell** eased 6p to 740p. **Lasmo**, the subject of recent call option buying, held steady at 156p, on volume 3.2 million shares. Holiday price war worries unsettled **Airtours**, off 10p to 459p, while **Owners Abroad** dipped 1p to 100p.

PowerGen was up 25½p to 545½p after announcing the repurchase and cancellation of 2.5 million of its own shares, at 527p. **National Power** added 11p to 467p, while most of the electricity utilities joined in with strong gains on hopes of a favourable pricing review next week.

The battle for control of **Great Southern**, the funerals group that has received an increased final 680p offer from Service Corporation International of the US, appears to be hotting-up after an apparent white knight emerged. USM-quoted shares in Great Southern, which said it was in talks with an unnamed third party, rose 28p to 708p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Government stocks had a more sedate day after recent busy sessions. Early gains faded and were even reversed by the end of trading. The September long gilt future opened higher, but drifted to end unchanged at £103 6/32, on volume of 60,000 contracts. The ultra-shorts fared best among cash stocks, with modest gains at the close.

☐ **NEW YORK:** US shares were mixed as the market continued to punish companies with disappointing earnings. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 11.33 points to 3,784.89.

PHILIP PANGALOS

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ ... 1.5396 (+0.0003)
German mark ... 2.4321 (-0.0022)
Exchange index ... 79.3 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ... 3160.4 (+2.9)
Dow Jones ... 3784.89 (-11.33)*
Nikkei Avg ... 20632.73 (-27.40)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base ... 5¼%
3-month Interbank ... 5 9/16-5 7/16%
US Federal Funds ... 4 5/16%*
3-month Treas Bills ... 4.35-4.34%*
Long Bond ... 7.42%*

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£:$	1.5395*	£:$	1.5400
$:DM	1.5811*	£:DM	2.4344
$:SWfr	1.3350*	£:SWfr	2.0559
$:Ffr	5.4015*	£:Ffr	8.3205
$:Yen	100.40*	£:Yen	154.56
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London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 378.60 ... PM 378.45
Close ... 378.40-378.90
New York:
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OIL

Brent Crude ... $18.45 per bbl (Oct)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI 144.7 Jun (2.6%) Jan 1987=100
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TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.24	2.04
Austria Sch	18.11	16.61
Belgium Fr	53.26	48.86
Canada $	2.238	2.078
Cyprus Cyp£	0.773	0.723
Denmark Kr	10.17	9.37
Finland Mkk	8.68	7.88
France Fr	8.76	8.06
Germany Dm	2.59	2.38
Greece Dr	380.00	355.00
Hong Kong $	12.51	11.51
Ireland Pt	1.07	0.99
Italy Lira	2525.00	2370.00
Japan Yen	169.50	152.50
Malta	0.609	0.554
Netherlds Gld	2.882	2.652
Norway Kr	11.21	10.41
Portugal Esc	259.00	240.50
S Africa Rd	REF.	5.55
Spain Pta	208.00	194.00
Sweden Kr	12.44	11.64
Switzerland Fr	2.19	2.01
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USA $	1.632	1.502

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UAPT bid battle boils as Equifax offers £47m

By Colin Narbrough

THE battle between Equifax and Trans Union, two of America's leading credit information groups, for control of UAPT-Infolink, the British creditworthiness assessor, intensified last night when Equifax raised its cash offer by £1 to £6 per share, overtaking its rival's recommended offer on Tuesday of £5.50.

The new cash bid values UAPT at around £47 million, and the takeover tussle is set to make some of the British company's well-off shareholders even richer.

Peter Wood, the highly-rewarded head of DirectLine, the telephone insurance company, owns 4.7 per cent of UAPT, a stake he built up mainly over the past year. Lord Hollick's MAI also holds between 2 and 3 per cent. Other shareholders include 3i and Sun Life Assurance.

When UAPT was first approached about an American offer in early May, its share price stood at around 140p. Equifax, based in Atlanta, Georgia, made the first formal offer on July 26 at £5 per share. The recommended offer valued UAPT at around £39 million.

But on Tuesday this week, Trans Union, based in Chicago and a head-to-head competitor of Equifax in the US market, secured a recommendation from the UAPT board for a cash offer of £5.50 per share. Equifax had also tried to approach UAPT with a new offer on Tuesday, only to be told that the board could not recommend its new offer. At that point, UAPT had not seen Trans Union bid. The UAPT board meets today, to decide on the latest bid.

Travis Halford, chief executive of Unifax Europe, said his company's increased bid, which represents a 79.1 per cent increase over UAPT's share price on the eve of its first offer in July, represented a "material uplift in value for shareholders".

Equifax, which last year made a pre-tax profit of $112 million on turnover of $1.2 billion, claims to be world leader in information-based credit solutions and decision support services, has since 1990 had a British subsidiary which last year lost around £1 million on revenue of £14 million.

Trans Union, which last year made a pre-tax profit of $65 million on revenue of $313 milion, is keen to establish a presence in the UK.



Peter Wood is a big gainer from his stake of 4.7%

Ransomes cuts path to recovery

By Colin Campbell

RANSOMES, the mower maker that lost £8.93 million before tax last year, saw pretax profits leap from a restated £1.21 million to £6.71 million in the six months to July 2.

However, ten minutes after announcing results, which John Clement, chairman, said showed Ransomes effectively "out of intensive care" with its bankers, the group announced that Geoffrey Comer, financial director and secretary, had left "with immediate effect". Mr Clement said that he could not comment, but said: "There are no problems with the accounts. There are no black holes."

Operating profits more than doubled, to £10.9 million; margins grew from 6 per cent to 10.8. Ransomes is now only one preference dividend in arrears. The shares rose 12p, to 42p. Net borrowings fell from £85.1 million to £72.5 milion. Progress has been made on exiting from surplus property. Interim turnover rose from a restated £89.7 million to £102.1 million.

Interim net earnings were 4.5p a share (against a previous restated loss of 4.4p), but there is no interim dividend. Ransomes last paid an ordinary dividend for the year to December 1990. It will pay the April 1994 convertible preference dividend on October 28.

WALL STREET

	Aug 3 midday	Aug 2 close
AMP Inc	74¼	74
AMR Corp	58½	58¼
AT & T	54¾	54½
Abbott Labs	28	28¼
Aetna Life	50¾	50¼
Ahmanson (HF)	20¼	20
Air Prod & Chem	49	49½
Albertson's	26½	26½
Alcan Alumnm	25¼	25¼
Alco Standard	61½	61½
Allied Signal	37½	38¼
Alumi Co of Am	79½	79½
Amax Gold Inc	6¼	6½
Amerada Hess	52½	52
Amer Brands	33¼	33½
Amer Cyanamid	91½	63½
Amer El Power	31½	31½
Amer Express	27¾	27¼
Amer Genl Corp	28	28¼
Amer Home Pr	56½	56¼
Amer Intl	93½	94
Amer Stores	25½	25½
Ameritech	41½	41½
Amoco	59½	59¼
Anheuser-Busch	52½	52½
Apple Computer	32½	32¾
Archer Daniels	24½	24½
Armco	6¼	6¾
Armstrng Wrld	49¼	49¼
Asarco	31½	31½
Ashland Oil	35¼	35¼
Atl Richfield	106¼	106½
Auto Data Pro	52½	52½
Avery Dennison	32½	32½
Avon Products	57½	56½
Baker Hughes	20½	20½
Baltim Gas & El	23½	23½
Banc One	33½	33¼
BankAmerica	47½	47½
Bank of NY	31½	31½
Bankers Tr NY	67¼	67¼
Barnett Banks	44½	44¼
Bausch & Lomb	36½	36
Baxter Intl	26¼	26½
Bectn Dickinsn	42½	42¼
Bell Atlantic	57½	57¼
BellSouth	62¼	62½
Black & Decker	21	21½
Block (H&R)	39¼	40
Boeing	45¼	45½
Boise Cascade	26½	26½
Borden Inc	11½	11½
Bristol Myrs Sq	54	55
Browning Ferris	31¼	31½
Brunswick	23¼	23¼
Burlington Nthn	53	52½
CBS	314½	313¾
CNA Financial	60½	62
CPC Intl	49¼	49½
CSX	78½	77¼
Campbell Soup	37½	37¼
Can Pacific	16	15½
Cpl Cities ABC	76½	78½
Cpl Holdings	29½	29½
Carolina Pwr	27	27
Caterpillar	108½	109¼
Central & SW	22½	22½
Champion Intl	35	34¼
Chase Manhat	36½	36¼
Chemical Bk	38½	38½
Chevron Corp	43½	43½
Chrysler	47¼	47¼
Chubb Corp	73½	73¼
Cigna Corp	67¼	68
Citicorp	41½	41½
Clorox	49½	49½
Coastal Corp	30¼	31
Coca Cola	43½	44½
Colgate-Palmolive	52½	52½
Columbia Gas	28½	28½
Commonw Ed	22½	22½
Compaq Comp	31½	32¼
Comp Ass Int	39½	39¼
Conagra	30½	31¼
Cons Edison	28¼	29¼
Cons Nat Gas	38¼	38¼
Cons Rail	56½	54¼
Cooper Inds	38½	38½
Corning Inc	30½	31½
Crown Cork	35½	36
Dana Corp	29½	29¼
Dayton Hudson	81½	81½
Deere	70½	70½
Delta Air Lines	48½	49½
Deluxe Corp	26½	26½
Detroit Edison	26½	26½
Digital Equip	19½	19½
Dillard Dept St	32	31½
Disney (Walt)	42½	42½
Dominion Res	37½	37½
Donelley (RR)	28½	28½
Dover Corp	58½	58½
Dow Chemical	70½	69½
Dow Jones	30½	30½
Dresser	21½	21½
Duke Power	39½	39½
Dun & Brdstreet	57½	57¼
Du Pont	59	59½
Eastman Kodak	48	47¼
Eaton Corp	50½	51

	Aug 3 midday	Aug 2 close
Emerson Elec	60½	60½
Engelhard Corp	25	24½
Enron Corp	31½	31½
Entergy	25½	25¼
Ethyl Corp	11½	11½
Exxon	59½	59½
FMC Corp	57¼	57¼
FPL Group	32	31½
Federal Express	67½	65½
Fed Nat Mtge	86½	86½
First Chicago	50½	50¼
First Interstate	74½	74½
First Union Rlty	6½	6½
Fleet Finl Grp	37¼	36½
Fluor Corp	54	54½
Ford Motor	31¼	31½
GTE Corp	32½	32
Gannett	51	51½
Gap Inc Del	38½	37½
Gen Dynamics	39½	39½
Gen Electric	50	50
Gen Mills	50½	50½
Gen Motors	52½	53
Gen Reinsurance	115½	115½
Gen Signal	35½	35½
Genuine Parts	35½	34½
Georgia Pac	69¼	69½
Gillette	69½	69½
Glaxo ADR	18½	18½
Goodrich (BF)	45½	45½
Goodyear Tire	35½	35½
Grace (W&R)	41	41½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	21½	21
Great Wstn Fin	19½	19
Halliburton	33	33½
Harcourt General	35½	35½
Heinz (HJ)	33½	32½
Hercules	109½	110¼
Hershey Foods	41½	41½
Hewlett Packard	79½	79½
Hilton Hotels	61½	61½
Home Depot	40¼	40½
Homestake Mng	18¼	18½
Honeywell	32	31½
Household Intl	34½	34½
Houston Inds	36½	36
Humana	19½	19½
ITT Corp	85½	85
Illinois Tool	41½	40½
INCO	28	28¼
Ingersoll Rand	36½	36½
Inland Steel	41½	41½
Intel Corp	59	59½
IBM	62½	62¼
Intl Flav & Fr	42½	42½
Intl Paper	75½	75½
James River Va	21½	20½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	47½	47¼
Kellogg	51½	51½
Kerr-McGee	49½	49½
Kimberly-Clark	58½	58
Kmart	16½	16½
Knight-Ridder	53½	53½
Lilly (Eli)	49½	49½
Limited Inc	19¼	19½
LIN Brdcstng	125½	125½
Lincoln Nat	37¼	37½
Litton	38¼	37½
Liz Claiborne	21½	21½
Lockheed	62½	62½
Louisiana Pac	33¼	32½
MCI Comm	23½	23½
Marriott Intl	27½	26½
Marsh & McLnn	85½	85½
Masco Corp	26	26
May Dept St	38½	39¼
Maytag Corp	19	19½
McCaw Cellular	53	53¼
McDonalds	26½	26½
McDonnell D	112½	113½
McGraw Hill	70	70½
Mead Corp	46¼	46½
Medtronic	87½	87½
Mellon Bk	57½	57¼
Melville Corp	36½	36¼
Merck Inc	30	30
Merrill Lynch	37¼	36½
Minnesota Mine	54	53¼
Mobil Corp	84½	83¼
Monsanto	81½	81½
Morgan (JP)	62½	63
Motorola Inc	52½	52½
Natl Medical	16½	16½
Natl Semi	17½	17½
Natl Service Ind	26½	26½
Navistar Int	13½	13½
NBD Bancorp	32	31½
NY Times A	24½	24¼
Newmont Mng	39½	39
Niag Mohawk	16½	16½
Nike B	62½	62½
NL Industries	11½	11½
Noram Energy	6½	6¼
Nordstrom	42½	41½
Norfolk Sthrn	64½	63½
Nthn State Pwr	43½	43½
Norwest Corp	25½	25½
Nynex Corp	39¼	39½
Occidental Pet	20½	20
Ohio Edison	19¼	19½

	Aug 3 midday	Aug 2 close
Oracle Systems	37½	37½
Oryx Energy Co	15½	15½
Owens Corning	33½	33½
PNC Financial	28¼	28½
PPG Industries	38¼	38½
Paccar Inc	48½	48½
Pacificorp	18	18½
Pac Enterprises	21½	21½
Pac Gas & Elect	25	24½
Pac Telesis	32½	32½
Pall Corp	16½	16½
Panhandle East	21½	21½
Parker Hannifin	43½	43½
Peco Energy	27½	27
Penney (JC)	48¼	49½
Pennzoil	50½	50½
Pepsico	30½	30½
Pfizer	63½	63½
Phelps Dodge	62½	63
Philip Morris	54½	54½
Phillips Pet	32	31½
Pitney Bowes	36½	36½
Polaroid	34½	34½
PriceCostco	15	15½
Procter & Gmbl	55½	55½
Pub Serv E & G	28¼	28½
Quaker Oats	76½	75½
Ralston Purina	37½	37½
Raychem Corp	36¼	36
Raytheon	65½	65½
Reebok Intl	36¼	36
Reynolds Metals	50½	50½
Roadway Srvcs	61½	61½
Rockwell Intl	35¼	35
Rohm & Haas	64½	65½
Royal Dutch	112¼	111½
Rubbermaid	27½	27½
Safeco Corp	55½	54½
St Paul's Cos	42½	42¼
Salomon Inc	44½	45¼
Santa Fe Pac	20½	14
Sara Lee Corp	20½	20¼
Scecorp	14	13½
Schering Plough	66½	66¼
Schlumberger	60½	59½
Scott Paper	62¼	60
Seagram	31½	31½
Sears Roebuck	47½	47½
Shell Trans	68½	68½
Sherwin Wllms	33½	33½
Skyline Corp	19¼	19
Snap-On-Tools	36½	37
Southern Co	19½	19½
Sthwestern Bell	42¼	42½
Sprint Corp	37½	37¼
Stanley Works	40½	40¼
Sun Company	28	28½
Sun Microsys	23	23½
Suntrust	48½	48½
Supervalu	28½	28½
Syntex Corp	23¼	23½
Sysco Corp	24½	24½
TRW Inc	71½	70½
Tandem Comp	14	14½
Tandy Corp	38½	38½
Telecom Corp	3½	3½
Teledyne	18	17½
Temple Inland	55½	54
Tenneco	48½	47¼
Texaco	62½	62½
Texas Inst	79½	80
Texas Utilities	33¼	33½
Textron	53	53½
Time Warner	36½	36¼
Times-Mirror	30½	30½
Timken	36¼	37¼
Torchmark	39½	39½
Toys R Us	34½	34½
Transamerica	52¼	51½
Travelers	34¼	34½
Tribune	51½	51
Tyco Labs	42½	43½
UST Inc	29½	29½
UAL	100½	101
USX Marathon	17½	17¼
Unilever NV	109½	110
Union Camp	49¼	49¼
Union Carbide	30¼	30¼
Union Pacific	59½	59½
Unisys Corp	9½	9¼
USAir Group	6½	6½
USF&G Corp	13½	13½
US Life	36½	36½
US West	41½	41
United Tech	62	63
Unocal Corp	28½	29½
Upjohn	33½	31½
VF Corp	50½	50½
WMX Tech	29	29
Wal-Mart Stores	24¼	25
Warner-Lambert	72	68½
Wells Fargo	157½	157
Westinghouse El	12½	12½
Weyerhaeuser	44½	43½
Whirlpool	51	50½
Whitman	16½	16½
Winn Dixie	45½	45½
Woolworth	14½	14½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	39	38½
Xerox	103	103½

RECENT ISSUES

3i (272)	297½	+2
Bail Giff Shn Npn Wts	87	...
Carnell (18)	28	...
Emrg Mkts Country	54	-2
Emrg Mkts Country Wts	35	...
Eurodollar (220)	226	+2
Exco (175)	198	...
Freeport Leisure	70	...
Ideal Hardware	282	...
JF Fledge Japan Wts	69	-2
John Mansfield (3)	3¼	...
Old Mutual SA (100)	97	...
Old Mutual SA Wts	43½	...
Orbis (23)	29	...
Panther Securities (90)	93	...
Petroceltic	39	...
Schroder Japan Gwth	95½	...
Scudder Latin Amer	89½	...
Shires Hi-Yldg Smlr C (100)	99	...
Sth Country Homes	13	...
TR Euro Gwth Ptg Sb (100)	99	...
TR Property Wts	11	...
Tops Estates Wts	34	...
VideoLogic	41½	...
Wyefield	76	...
Yates Bros Wine (140)	167	+1

RIGHTS ISSUES

BCE Hldgs n/p (8)	1½	...
Bolton n/p (15)	2	...
Charter n/p	121	...
Excalibur n/p (40)	2	...
Finelist n/p (120)	23	+1
Freeport Leisure n/p	5	...
Helene n/p (24)	2½	...
P & P n/p (60)	8	+1
Prestwick n/p (24)	1	...
Ricardo n/p (130)	9	...
Surrey Group n/p (1¼)	¼	...
Waddington (J) n/p (190)	18	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Cater Allen ... 493p (+13p)
Greene King ... 498p (+13p)
RMC Group ... 987p (+11p)
Chubb Sec ... 330p (+16p)
Zeneca ... 771p (+13p)
Admiral ... 634p (+21p)
BICC ... 415p (+10p)
Critchley ... 458p (+14½p)
VSEL ... 893p (+17p)
Wellcome ... 676p (+17p)
Commercial Union ... 550p (+11p)
Adscene ... 270p (+15p)
British Borneo ... 237p (+12p)
J Smurfit ... 396p (+22p)
Burmah Castrol ... 878p (+10p)

FALLS:

SG Warburg ... 760p (-9p)
Racal Elect ... 244p (-8p)
General Accident ... 594p (-10p)
Airtours ... 459p (-10p)
Pearson ... 644p (-14p)
BAA ... 972p (-9p)
Sothebys ... 828p (-12p)

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	14,000	Caradon	1,200	Legal & Gn	517	Scot Power	1,800
Abbey Natl	2,400	Carlton Cms	651	Lloyds Bk	2,100	Sears	1,200
Alld-Lyons	1,400	Coats Vyla	2,200	MEPC	256	Svrn Trent	1,900
Argyll Gp	7,200	Cm Union	1,100	Marks Spr	2,900	Shell Trans	3,300
Arjo Wiggn	5,900	Courtaulds	895	NFC	262	Siebe	782
AB Foods	60	De La Rue	512	NatWst Bk	8,000	SmKl Bch	1,400
BAA	1,400	Eastern Elec	1,100	Nat Power	6,800	Smith Nph	2,600
BAT Inds	4,500	Enterpr Oil	950	Nth Wst W	1,200	Sthern Elec	1,700
BOC	1,500	Forte	1,600	P & O	1,000	Std Chartd	1,600
BP	10,000	GKN	712	Pearson	747	Sun Allnce	1,100
BTR	6,100	GRE	2,300	PowerGen	7,400	TI Gp	606
BT	11,000	GUS	952	Prudential	3,400	TSB	5,600
Bk of Scot	1,900	Gen Acc	1,100	RMC	566	Tesco	19,000
Barclays	4,400	Gen Elec	6,400	RTZ	4,700	Thames W	2,300
Bass	1,300	Glaxo	5,400	Rank Org	2,000	Thrn EMI	955
Blue Circle	1,600	Granada	2,300	Reckitt Col	773	Tomkins	6,600
Boots	1,400	Grand Met	2,000	Redland	1,000	Unilever	1,800
Bowater	775	Guinness	792	Reed Intl	1,700	Utd Bisc	2,000
Brit Aero	2,100	HSBC	3,200	Rentokil	466	Vodafone	7,000
Brit Airwys	5,700	Hanson	6,000	Reuters	2,000	Warburg (SG)	627
Brit Gas	10,000	ICI	2,700	Rolls Royce	4,500	Wellcome	2,900
Brit Steel	5,300	Inchcape	2,100	Ryl Ins	1,400	Whitbread	1,200
Burmah Cstl	516	Kingfisher	935	Ryl Bk Scot	1,600	Wlms Hld	445
Cable Wire	2,700	Ladbroke	2,000	Sainsbury	4,500	Wolseley	752
Cadbury	1,600	Land Secs	788	Scot & New	1,100	Zeneca	4,600

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones ... 3784.89 (-11.33)
S&P Composite ... 460.75 (+0.19)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge ... 20632.73 (-27.40)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ... 9585.89 (-109.14)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index ... 420.88 (+1.64)

Sydney: AO ... 2072.3 (-14.6)

Frankfurt:
DAX ... 2196.92 (+12.53)

FT 30 share: ... 2463.4 (+9.4)

Brussels:
General ... 7725.88 (+31.77)

Paris: CAC-40 ... 2115.07 (-2.16)

Zurich: SKA Gen ... 671.70 (+0.60)

London:
FT A All-Share ... 1579.21 (+2.92)
FT Non Financials ... 1709.88 (+4.38)
FT Gold Mines ... 233.9 (-3.6)
FT Fixed Interest ... 111.65 (+0.63)
FT Govt Secs ... 93.12 (+0.43)
Bargains ... 30076
SEAQ Volume ... 710.3m
USM (Datastrm) ... 157.70 (+0.34)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Dealings From	Dealings To	Final Declaration	For Settlement
July 25	August 5	October 27	November 10

Call options were taken out on 3/8/94: Allied Leisure, British Polythene, Butte Mining, Dares Estates, Eidos, Euro Disney, NSM, Premier Cons, Ramco Energy, Regent Corp, Tullow Oil. **Puts:** British Polythene, NSM, Tullow Oil. **Puts & Calls:** ASDA, Glaxo, Hanson Wts, Marks & Spencer, Norbain, Wellcome.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Sep 94	3177.0	3184.0	3164.0	3175.0	8092
Previous open interest: 58586	Dec 94	3185.0	3188.0	3185.0	3188.0	57
Three Month Sterling	Sep 94	94.22	94.26	94.16	94.18	20882
Previous open interest: 552003	Dec 94	93.43	93.51	93.38	93.43	38568
	Mar 95	92.84	92.95	92.84	92.86	12576
Three Mth Eurodollar	Sep 94	94.92	94.92	94.92	94.91	242
Previous open interest: 6820	Dec 94				94.25	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 94	95.15	95.15	95.13	95.15	14821
Previous open interest: 797515	Dec 94	95.10	95.10	95.07	95.09	25045
Long Gilt	Sep 94	103-10	103-27	102-22	103-06	60626
Previous open interest: 117256	Dec 94				102-22	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 94	108.45	108.46	108.22	108.42	3110
	Dec 94	107.39	107.46	107.25	107.47	1176
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 94	94.01	94.18	93.92	94.09	89602
Previous open interest: 180287	Dec 94	93.32	93.45	93.29	93.40	4652
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 94				98.65	0
Previous open interest: 76	Dec 94					0
Three month ECU	Sep 94	93.95	94.00	93.95	94.00	517
Previous open interest: 25181	Dec 94	93.77	93.81	93.76	93.80	569
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 94	95.68	95.72	95.68	95.70	2454
Previous open interest: 47678	Dec 94	95.56	95.60	95.56	95.58	4375
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 94	102.49	103.45	102.45	103.18	36857
Previous open interest: 85557	Dec 94				102.05	0

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 79.3 (day's range 79.3).

Mkt Rates for Aug 3	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7220-2.7371	2.7328-2.7371	¼pr-par	½-¼pr
Brussels	50.05-50.23	50.10-50.22	3-2pr	5-2pr
Copenhagen	9.5610-9.5990	9.5810-9.5990	¼-¾ds	⅞-1⅞ds
Dublin	1.0125-1.0165	1.0129-1.0160	par-3ds	2-7ds
Frankfurt	2.4277-2.4380	2.4323-2.4364	¼pr-par	¾-½pr
Lisbon	247.23-248.83	248.11-248.83	139-150ds	386-419ds
Madrid	200.02-200.93	200.43-200.79	44-53ds	118-129ds
Milan	2426.50-2436.40	2431.60-2436.40	6-7ds	17-20ds
Montreal	2.1296-2.1396	2.1359-2.1396	0.03-0.13ds	0.02-0.27ds
New York	1.5344-1.5407	1.5392-1.5407	0.11-0.09pr	0.29-0.24pr
Oslo	10.6160-10.6570	10.6380-10.6570	¼pr-par	1½-1¼pr
Paris	8.2970-8.3290	8.3120-8.3290	par-¼ds	½-¾ds
Stockholm	11.8560-11.9390	11.8800-11.9080	1½-2¼ds	5½-6¼ds
Tokyo	154.01-154.69	154.38-154.69	½-¼pr	1½-1¼pr
Vienna	17.11-17.18	17.14-17.18	1-¾pr	4-2¾pr
Zurich	2.0497-2.0599	2.0540-2.0577	¼-¼pr	¾-½pr

Source: Extel. Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

Argentina peso*	1.5346-1.5373
Australia dollar	2.0978-2.1006
Bahrain dinar	0.5725-0.5945
Brazil real*	1.3991-1.4037
Cyprus pound	0.7325-0.7425
Finland markka	7.9530-8.0680
Greece drachma	364.00-371.00
Hong Kong dollar	11.8653-11.8746
India rupee	47.68-48.64
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4530-0.4630
Malaysia ringgit	3.9529-3.9570
Mexico peso	5.12-5.22
New Zealand dollar	2.5538-2.5621
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6920-5.8180
Singapore dollar	2.3151-2.3199
S Africa rand (fin)	6.9671-7.0202
S Africa rand (com)	5.5890-5.9920
U A E dirham	5.5730-5.6970

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

Australia	1.3666-1.3676
Austria	11.13-11.14
Belgium (Com)	32.58-32.59
Canada	1.3883-1.3888
Denmark	6.2269-6.2287
France	5.4065-5.4115
Germany	1.5832-1.5842
Hong Kong	7.7248-7.7258
Ireland	1.5170-1.5195
Italy	1580.50-1581.39
Japan	100.35-100.80
Malaysia	2.5743-2.5753
Netherlands	1.7771-1.7786
Norway	6.9120-6.9140
Portugal	161.30-161.60
Singapore	1.5072-1.5082
Spain	130.41-130.46
Sweden	7.7159-7.7234
Switzerland	1.3371-1.3378

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¼ Finance Hse 5¾
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 5¼ Week fixed: 5
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¼; 3 mth 5⅜. Sell: 2 mth 5¼; 3 mth 5⅜.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5-4	5-5	5-5	5-5	
Sterling Money Rates:					
Interbank:	5-5	5-5	5-5	5-5	6-6
Overnight: open 5¼, close 6¼.	5-5	5-5	5-5	5-5	6-6
Local Authority Deps:	5¼	n/a	5¾	5¾	6½
Sterling CDs:	5-5	5-5	5-5	5-5	6-6
Dollar CDs:	4.40	n/a	4.70	5.07	5.56
Building Society CDs:	5-5	5-5	5-5	5-5	6-6

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: July 29, 1994. Agreed rates Aug 24, 1994 to Sept 23, 1994 Scheme III: 6.50%. Reference rate July 1, 1994 to July 29, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.246%.

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	4-3	4-4	4-4	5-4	4-3
Deutschemark:	5-4	5-4	5-4	5-4	5-4
French Franc:	5-5	5-5	5-5	5-5	6-5
Swiss Franc:	4-4	4-4	4-4	4-4	4-3
Yen:	2-2	2-2	2-2	2-2	2-1

Bullion: Open $378.00-378.40 Close: $378.40-378.90 High: $378.70-379.20 Low: $377.65-378.15 Krugerrand: $380.50-382.50 (£248.00-250.00)
Sovereigns: Old $88.50-90.50 (£57.25-59.25) New $88.50-90.50 (£57.25-59.25)
Platinum: $414.90 (£270.05) Silver: $5.21 (£3.385) Palladium: $153.75 (£100.50)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Lyon	569	31	—	—	22	—	—
(*590½)	638	12	—	—	54	—	—
Argyll	260	24	32½	36	8½	16	19
(*271½)	280	13	20½	26	20½	26	29½
ASDA	60	5	7½	8	5½	7	8½
(*60½)	70	2	4	5½	13	14½	15½
Boots	500	47½	56	65½	8	17	22
(*532)	550	18	26½	38½	31½	41½	46½
Br Airways	420	31	40	49½	15½	26	31
(*429)	460	11½	22½	31½	39	48	53
BP	390	34½	41½	48	9	15½	19½
(*411½)	420	17	25½	32½	24	29½	34
Br Steel	140	23	26½	31	3½	5½	9
(*158½)	160	9½	15	19½	9½	14	16
C & W	420	49½	59	68	9½	16½	22
(*453½)	460	25	36	40½	26	34	39½
CU	500	55	66	70	8	14	21
(*549½)	550	21	35	42	26½	33	46
ICI	850	37½	58	69	37	47	61
(*855½)	900	17½	36	47½	69½	77	91½
Kingfishr	500	36½	50	61	21½	27	32
(*515)	550	14½	27	39	50½	55½	60
Land Sec	650	41	50	61	14½	21	24
(*670)	700	15	23½	35½	40½	47½	50
M & S	420	22½	31½	39	13½	20½	24½
(*424½)	460	7	14	21½	39	44	47
Nat West	460	25	36½	43½	24½	28½	40½
(*465)	500	10	19½	27	51	53	65
Sainsbury	390	44	51	59	10½	16½	20½
(*419)	420	25	33	42½	22	29½	34
Shell	700	51½	62	70	12	17½	27½
(*740)	750	20	33½	43	29½	41½	52½
Smkl Bch	420	24	37½	41	21	29	34½
(*421½)	460	9	17	25	48	54	59
Storehse	220	17	21½	26½	8	11½	15½
(*226)	240	7½	11½	17	19½	32½	27
Trafalgar	80	10	14	17½	4	6	6½
(*86)	90	6	9	11	9	12	—
Unilever	1000	73	89	102½	14	23	35
(*1047½)	1050	36½	57½	70½	33	43½	57½
Zeneca	750	41	58	66	24	34	47½
(*770)	800	17½	34	44½	52½	61½	76
Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Grand Met	420	9	29½	34	6½	20½	29
(*423)	460	1	13	20½	39½	45½	53
Ladbroke	160	13½	22½	26½	1	8	10½
(*172)	180	1	11½	17	9½	19½	21½
Utd Bisc	330	6	23	30	4½	19	23
(*331)	360	1	11½	18	29½	39	41½

Series		Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
BAA	950	54½	72½	89	24	37	43½
(*971)	1000	28	47	62½	49½	62	68
Thames W	500	35	40	48½	16	29	30
(*511½)	550	12½	18	26	45½	54	59
Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAT Ind	420	42½	47½	57½	1½	11	15½
(*458½)	460	5	23½	34	15½	28	33
BTR	360	30½	37	45	1	9	13
(*389)	390	5½	18½	27½	7	22	27
Br Aero	500	18½	47½	62½	7	30	41½
(*513½)	550	2	27	40½	39	61	69½
Br Telcm	360	21½	34½	37½	1½	8	15
(*379)	390	2½	17	22	14	22½	30½
Cadbury	420	24	35	45½	1½	13	16
(*441)	460	1½	19½	26	22	34½	37
Guinness	420	31	42½	51½	1	10½	15
(*447½)	460	3	18½	29½	16½	29½	34
GEC	280	16	26½	30	1	7½	11½
(*293½)	300	2½	14½	19	9	16½	21½
Hanson	260	7½	16	21	2	12	15½
(*265)	280	1	8	12½	16½	23½	27
LASMO	154	4	15	—	3½	10	—
(*156)	180	0½	7	10½	26	30	32
Lucas	200	7½	18½	22½	3	14½	18
(*204)	220	1½	9½	14	18	27½	30½
Pilkingtn	180	15½	22	26	1	6½	10½
(*195)	200	2	10½	15½	9	16	21
Prudential	300	17½	25½	32½	1½	12½	16
(*314)	330	2	12	18	18½	29½	32
Redland	500	46	58	67½	1	14½	23½
(*542½)	550	6½	28	39½	14½	37½	47½
Royal Ins	240	17½	27	32	1½	11½	14
(*254½)	260	4	16	22	8½	21½	24
Tesco	220	20	26½	31½	1	7½	11
(*237½)	240	3	15	20½	6	16½	19½
Vodafone	183	14½	23	26	1	6	9
(*195½)	200	1½	13	16½	6½	14	17½
Williams	354	17	20½	—	2	13½	—
(*367)	384	2½	12½	—	19½	30½	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3159½)

	3050	3100	3150	3200	3250	3300
Calls						
Aug	131	87	52	27	14	4
Sep	156	120	88	61	41	27
Oct	176	141	113	87	67	49
Nov	196	165	134	107	86	64
Dec	—	186	—	130	—	88
Puts						
Aug	11	20	37	64	99	145
Sep	32	45	64	97	117	155
Oct	54	69	91	115	145	178
Nov	67	84	105	129	156	187
Dec	—	102	—	145	—	203

Series		Calls Sep	Dec	Mar	Puts Sep	Dec	Mar
Abby Nat	390	17½	29	36	16	22½	29½
(*395½)	420	6½	15½	22½	36½	40½	48
Amstrad	30	5½	7	8	2	3	4
(*33½)	35	3	4½	6	4½	6	7
Barclays	550	25	40½	51	19½	29½	39½
(*559½)	600	8½	19	29½	55	61	70
Blue Circ	300	29	36	44	8½	14	18
(*319½)	330	12½	21	28½	24	29½	33½
Br Gas	280	12	16½	22	10	18	20½
(*290½)	300	5	8½	13½	23½	32	34
Dixons	180	23	30	34½	5	8½	12
(*196)	200	11	19½	23	13½	18	21½
Forte	220	25½	29½	34½	4	8½	11½
(*238½)	240	13	17½	23½	11½	17½	21
Hillsdwn	160	14	17½	21½	5	8	9½
(*167)	180	4½	8	12½	17	20½	21½
Lonrho	130	12½	17½	20½	4	7½	10½
(*136½)	140	7	12½	15½	8½	12½	16
Sears	110	12½	15	17	2½	4½	6
(*119)	120	6	9	11½	6	9	11
Thrn EMI	1000	68	95½	109½	18½	34	49
(*1041)	1050	37½	66½	82	39½	57	72
Tomkins	220	21	26½	31½	5	9	12½
(*233)	240	7½	15½	21	14	18½	22½
TSB	200	12	18	22½	8	12½	16½
(*206)	220	4	10½	13½	22½	25	28½
Wellcome	650	51	72½	88½	19	33½	44
(*675)	700	24½	47½	62½	46	60	67½
Series		Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Glaxo	600	31	46½	57	43½	52	63½
(*602½)	650	13	28	38	78½	83½	96½
HSBC	750	74½	97½	110	34½	49	70½
(*790½)	800	47½	73	91	59	75	95½
Reuter	487½	31	—	—	22	—	—
(*493)	500	23	38½	47	28	35½	44
Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
R-Royce	180	19	26½	31	1	6½	10½
(*198)	200	4	15	20½	5½	16	19
Series		Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Fisons	140	10	14½	17½	5½	9½	12½
(*145)	160	4	6	9	18½	22	25
Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Eastrn Ele	650	24½	54	68	5	26	37
(*669)	700	2½	31	44	34½	51½	62½
Series		Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Natl Pwr	460	26	37	46½	15	27	29½
(*466½)	500	8	19	29	39½	50½	51½
Scot Pwr	360	24½	34½	39½	11½	16½	22½
(*380)	390	9	20½	25½	28½	33	38

August 3, 1994 Tot: 36517 Calls: 20609 Puts: 15908 FT-SE Calls: 9543 Puts: 4638
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: A wave of fund and speculator based selling hit cocoa on the LCE following the break of a technical chart point in New York. The long liquidation comes only shortly after the funds took profits on positions in the base and precious metals, along with oil. Coffee was relatively immune because of the threat of a frost in the southern coffee growing districts of Brazil on Thursday morning.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	1055-1053	Dec	1136-1135
Dec	1072-1071	Mar	1156-1153
Mar	1093-1092	May	1166-1150
May	1105-1100	Jul	1185-1160
Jul	1117-1115		
Sep	1125-1122		Volume: 5234

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	3620-3615	May	3470-3460
Nov	3556-3555	Jul	3450-3430
Jan	3545-3530	Sep	3450-3430
Mar	3505-3495		Volume: 3920

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		May	unq
Spot: 293.50		Jul	—
Oct	12.00 SLR	Oct	—
Jan	unq	Jan	—
Mar	—		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	310.5-09.5
Spot: 336.50		Aug	310.5-09.5
Oct	311.0-10.5	Oct	298.0-96.5
Dec	310.0-09.0	Dec	298.0-93.5
May	310.5-09.5		Volume: 479

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 2

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	69.59	92.65	117.36
(+/-)	+0.14	+7.16	+1.52
Eng/Wales:	68.92	92.77	115.39
(+/-)	+0.55	+6.93	+1.72
(%)	+23.0	-9.0	-23.0
Scotland:	74.44	91.87	123.43
(+/-)	-1.02	+8.45	+0.60
(%)	-4.0	-26.0	-19.0

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	—	—	Mar	—	—
Sep	—	—		Volume: —	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	104.50
Nov	105.25
Jan	107.25
Mar	108.95
May	110.80
	Volume: 412

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	103.10
Nov	104.15
Jan	105.85
Mar	107.55
May	109.15
	Volume: 58

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Sep	unq
Nov	—
Jan	—
Mar	—
May	—
	Volume: —

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	150.0
Apr	190.0	191.0
May	unq	235.0
	Volume: 287	

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Sep ... 80.75-81.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): With a general strike now happening in Nigeria, the oil market became nervous again.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.55	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Sep)	18.75	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Oct)	18.45	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	20.30	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	19.90	+0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	211 (+5)	214 (+5)
Gasoil EEC	162 (n/c)	165 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Sep	165 (+1)	166 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Oct	166 (n/c)	168 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	98 (+1)	101 (+1)
Naphtha	172 (+1)	173 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Aug	unq	Nov	—
Sep	—	Dec	—
Oct	—	Jan	—
			Vol: 0

BRENT (6.00pm)

Sep	18.76-18.78	Dec	18.10 SLR
Oct	18.47 SLR	Jan	17.92 BID
Nov	18.27 SLR		Vol: 27177

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Aug	162.00-62.25	Nov	169.75-70.00
Sep	165.50-65.75	Dec	171.25-71.50
Oct	168.25-68.50		Vol: 9873

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 94	1482	1465	1482
Sep 94	1445	1440	1442
Oct 94	1445	1440	1443
Jan 95	1456	1450	1456

Vol: 300 lots. Open intrst: 2181 Index 1462 +13

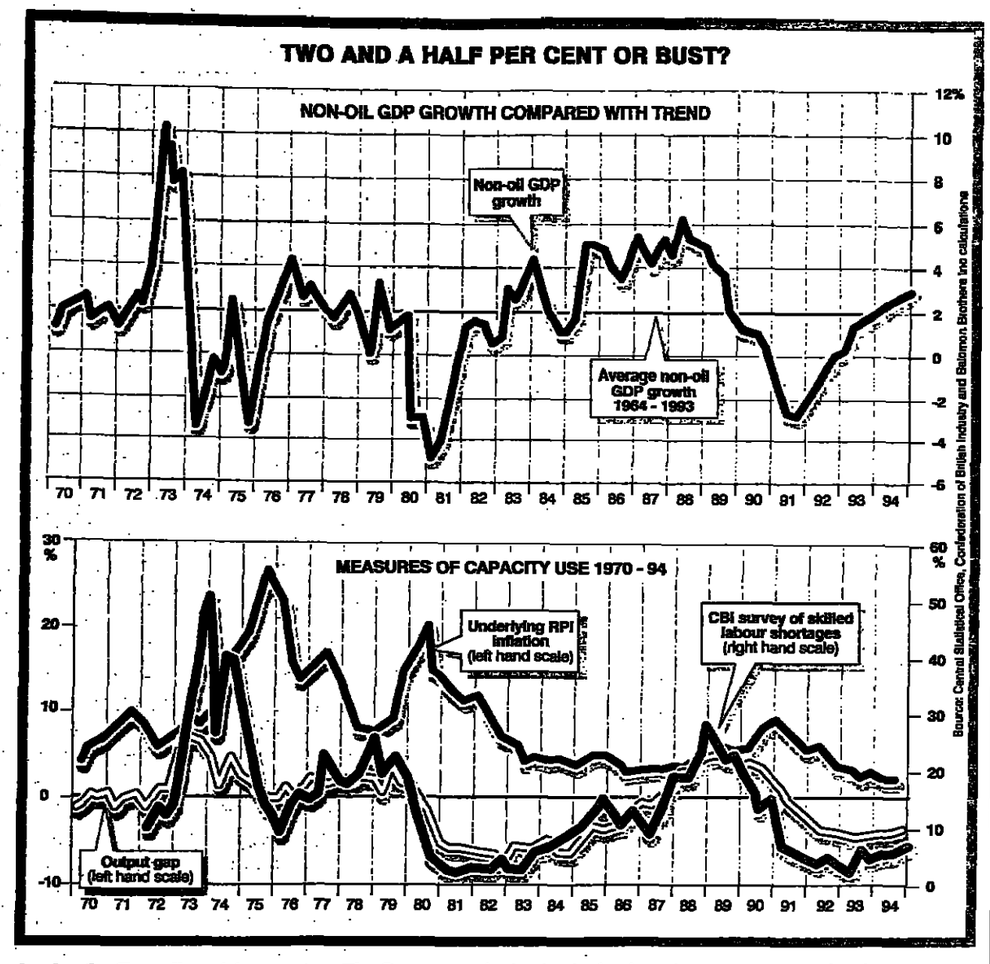
LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2424.0-2425.0	2435.0-2436.0	1914800
Lead ($/tonne)	583.00-583.50	600.00-600.50	232925
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	942.00-943.00	964.50-965.00	364700
Tin ($/tonne)	5040.0-5045.0	5115.0-5120.0	32965
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1442.0-1442.5	1470.5-1471.0	859350
Nickel ($/tonne)	6065.0-6070.0	6155.0-6160.0	73842

ECONOMIC VIEW

Bank pours rain on the Chancellor's parade

The Bank of England's push for higher interest rates finally squashes government claims of a supply-side miracle, Janet Bush says



Anyone looking for an indictment of the Government's supply-side "miracle" need search no further than the Bank of England's latest *Inflation Report*.

The most noteworthy feature of the Bank's call for higher interest rates is that it comes when headline unemployment is still at 2.6 million, about a million homeowners are still stuck in the negative equity trap, and personal debt has fallen only slightly from its post-1980s peak.

This is the recovery that a recent survey found most people do not believe exists, the recovery with no feel-good factor, the recovery that now apparently requires a monetary curb. This is a puzzling prospect for thousands of businesses and millions of households, which are even now barely recovering from a very tough recession.

For all the triumphalism emerging from Downing Street about the magical effects of Conservative supply-side reform, flexible labour markets and the rest, the sad truth is that the Bank still judges anything higher than 2 per cent to 2.5 per cent growth as unsustainable.

The call for higher interest rates is not based on inflation pressures: the Bank has acknowledged they are yet again more feeble than it expected. Rather, the Bank is simply worried that the economy is now growing too rapidly. Whereas the May *Inflation Report* highlighted monetary and inflation indicators, such as narrow money supply and inflation expectations as measured by bond yields, the August report talks about above-trend growth, a narrowing output gap and anecdotal evidence of skill shortages.

The Bank's main concern appears to be that figures for second-quarter GDP showed the economy growing 3.3 per cent in 12 months, the first time the annual growth rate has been around 1 per cent above the average 2.1 per cent growth rate of the non-oil economy over the past 20 years.

The core reason for the Bank's apparent willingness to launch an even earlier pre-emptive strike against inflation than the one ordered by the Federal Reserve in the United States is Britain's long-run economic under-performance. In spite of all claims for the Thatcherite free-market experiment, that performance is no better than it has been over the past two decades. What has changed is the balance of priorities between growth and inflation — and the balance of power between the Bank and the Treasury.

Inflation hawks within both institutions share an obsession with avoiding the great policy error of the 1980s: of letting growth rip with the well-known disastrous consequences for inflation. That cardinal sin is not blamed solely on the usual temptation of politicians to beef up the economic feel-good factor before an election. There was also a genuinely held belief that Thatcherite supply-side reforms had boosted the rate at which the British economy could grow without igniting higher inflation. Policy-makers are no longer saddled with this mistaken notion, as the *Inflation Report* confirmed.

There is still ample cause to worry that politicians will behave as they always have with re-election in mind. Conspiracy theorists argued on Tuesday that the Chancellor might agree to an early pre-emptive strike on the monetary front in return for Bank of England acquiescence in reversing some of the Lamont/Clarke tax rises before the next election.

The new monetary framework, and particularly the steps taken to make the Bank's advice on inflation and interest rates so public, appear to ensure that any desire for pre-election profligacy, in the past unfettered by disapproval from the Bank, will now exact a price. However much politicians want to boost economic growth in the run-up to the election, the Bank is clearly not going to turn a blind eye. The Government is being hanged on its own inflation target, rustled up in an attempt to regain credibility with the financial markets after sterling's disastrous sojourn in the exchange-rate mechanism. Its pledge to drive down inflation to the lower half of its 1 to 4 per cent target range by the end of the current Parliament is now being enforced by the Bank in spite of the fact that voters care far more about jobs, the price of their houses and money in the bank than whether the inflation rate is 3 per cent or 2.5 per cent.

That observation extends easily to business, with the Institute of Directors reporting yesterday that company directors are much more concerned about standards of education and training than about inflation.

The Bank's campaign to erase Britain's boom/bust cycle is bound to be increasingly contentious within a government that is truly frightened of losing the next election, however vehement Kenneth Clarke is in his support of the strict views of Eddie George, the Governor, on inflation.

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The Government is clearly pinning its hopes of winning another term on the economy, but the combination of a public inflation target and a public Bank of England means that growth is not going to be allowed to stay above 2.5 per cent for long.

By next year, as Europe recovers from recession, the Government's boast — one of the few it has been able to make — that Britain is the fastest growing economy in the EC is likely to look hollow. Comparisons on interest rates will look increasingly invidious. Already, British base rates at 5.25 per cent are higher than in other European countries, such as Germany, where the discount rate is currently at 4.5 per cent, France, where the intervention rate is 5 per cent, and The Netherlands and Belgium, whose comparable rates are currently at about 4.8 per cent. However worthy the determination of the Bank to drive down inflation even as the economy recovers, a mission the Treasury insists is fully supported by the Chancellor, there are dangers. Most obviously, there may be a political price. There was general horror on the right wing of the Conservative Party when the Bank's report was published, and higher mortgage rates are not going to endear the Government to millions of home owners/voters.

Second, it is by no means certain that growth will continue at the levels seen in the second quarter. June's economic figures, the latest available, come very soon after the first of the tax increases in April and already show some weakness in the consumer sector of the economy.

It would be dangerous to assume that the full effects of even the tax increases seen so far, let alone next year's batch, has been seen already.

At the same time, the Government's assumption that investment will take up the slack left by weakened consumers seems too easy. It is true that the corporate sector has improved its financial position substantially from the dire days of recession and that profits are healthy, but neither have led to a substantial pick-up in investment so far.

It is notable that, accompanying the Bank's *Inflation Report*, was a separate article that tried to analyse why companies were not investing more confidently. As the Bank itself noted, growth in investment has risen by less in this recovery that it did between 1982 and 1984. In that context, it is worrying that the Bank, backed by the Confederation of British Industry, is calling for higher interest rates.

Then there is the credibility argument. However useful public monetary policy-making is perceived to be as a discipline, the Bank still runs the risk of having prepared the ground for higher rates, only to find that the economy has weakened under the impact of tax rises after all.

Its constant over-pessimism in successive reports about inflation is already derided in some parts of the City. If it turns out to have put higher interest rates on the agenda unnecessarily early, its credibility takes another knock.

American experience suggests that overt monetary discipline does not necessarily win plaudits in the markets. Since the Fed started its monetary tightening, the dollar has slid continuously and the prize of lower long-term interest rates, which monetary virtue was supposed to secure, has proved elusive.

Eddie George, for now ever more confidently wielding his new powers over the Treasury, cannot be sure that he will be any more successful.

TEMPUS

High price, Low returns

TESCO has become a victim of its own *machismo*. The price it is paying for William Low looks unjustifiable on any rational financial grounds, however hard the company tries to convince the world it has struck a bargain. It is worth remembering that only a month ago Low was an ailing Scottish retailer that the market believed was barely worth 150p a share. While Tesco's original 225p offer was hardly generous, it did not appear too far out of the money, otherwise the Low board would never have recommended it.

On City forecasts, Tesco is buying Low on a breathtaking exit p/e ratio of 26. Admittedly, what is more important is the additional sales that Tesco can push through Low's stores and the costs it can save, but even here it is tough to make the numbers work. Tesco's sales density is 70 per cent higher than Low. That suggests it can possibly generate sales of £750 million from the stores once they are rebranded and their prices cut. On Tesco's margins this would produce an operating profit of £45 million. Even this is only a 13 per cent return on the £350 million Tesco is sinking into the deal, well below the returns the group makes on its superstores. And this is a best case scenario. There is no guarantee that Tesco can manage Low's smaller stores any better than their previous owner. The customers of local stores in Scotland are very different from the well-heeled customers of Tesco metro in Covent Garden.

Admittedly, Tesco could not win when Sainsbury counterbid. If it walked away, it lost the chance to build a presence in Scotland. If it topped the offer, it was bound to overpay. The consolation for Tesco shareholders is that Low is too small to make much of a dent in the group's progress. Sainsbury, meanwhile, can feel relaxed that it still has the funds to pursue its ambitions elsewhere.

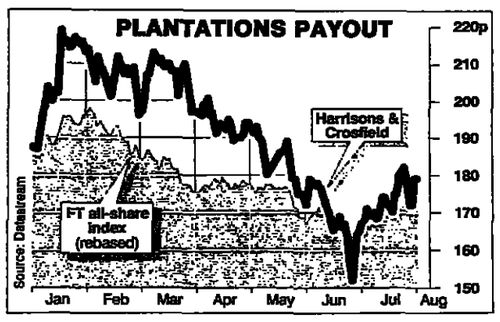
Harrisons & Crosfield

NOW it has jettisoned its Indonesian plantations business, Harrisons & Crosfield has an identity problem. The company is a mish-mash of subsidiaries it bought with the cash flow from plantations, including such unlikely bedfellows as a cornflakes manufacturer, a pig breeder and a dog food producer.

Rationalisation is inevitable, particularly since many of these businesses are either deeply cyclical or are being squeezed by larger competitors. Harrisons, however, is nervous about declaring a general fire-sale in case it drives down the prices of the pieces it is trying to sell.

Even though the disposals will take several years, they are likely to leave the group with two divisions, building supplies and chemicals. In the former, Harcros has a narrow lead in a fragmented industry and should retain that as the market consolidates. In the latter, Harrisons seems to have a viable future as a speciality chemicals and pigments producer.

The plantations disposal gives Harrisons the leeway to engineer such a reorganisation since it will cut year-end debt to about £100 million and gearing to 15 per cent. Harrisons new-found sense of direction may be comforting for investors but the shares already anticipate substantial growth. At 182p they trade on a forward p/e of 18, which is high enough while the business remains in transition.



Chamberlain Phipps

IF Chamberlain Phipps shares fail to soar when dealings start on August 15, the sponsors might have a fresh look at the prospectus before they begin their post-mortem examination.

The temptation may be to blame Stock Exchange officials, who, the company says, insisted on a separate presentation of the various businesses, with no less than three accountants' reports on the group's financial record.

The result is messy and the ordinary investor would be hard pressed to identify which direction the combined businesses are heading.

But the Exchange has a point. The core Chamberlain shoe materials business is the only bit that has been owned by the Daniel Sullivan buyout team for a decent period. Groupe SAC and Thierry, the French shoe manufacturer, account for about half of total turnover and most of the profits, but the French operations came under the management's control only a year ago.

Alarm bells should ring over a record that shows the Groupe SAC business in profits decline although the company says full-year prospects are promising. Investors may also be deterred from filling their boots by the management's enthusiasm for stuffing its own stockings.

The chairman, who is selling 8.5 per cent of the company, stands to take a bonus of 50 per cent of his salary if earnings per share increase by 15 per cent. The bonus rises to 200 per cent if earnings match the top 10 per cent of the FT-SE 250.

Venture capitalists are said to like highly geared returns, but there is no reason why a public company should continue the practice.

Wickes

AS Wickes finally lays the ghost of its disastrous acquisition of Hunter six years ago, the strength of its core retailing business is showing through. The company has straddled a profitable gap between the retail DIY sheds and the builders' merchants and sells high volumes of its limited range of own-brand goods.

Wickes is now bucking the conventional wisdom that the DIY shed market has reached saturation by launching an aggressive store-opening programme, and is proving it can still reach a wider customer base.

The company plans 17 openings this year, and although the start-ups are depressing operating margins, the openings in the first half propelled turnover by 31 per cent. The company should have 29 stores open on the Continent by the end of next year.

Earnings will also benefit from the likelihood that Malden Timber, part of the Hunter acquisition, will return to profit next year instead of soaking up provisions. Altogether the company looks capable of maintaining its rapid earnings growth and the shares, at 97p, look cheap on 16 times earnings forecasts.

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BUSINESS LETTERS

Successful managers deserve their high salaries but . . .

From Mr Ronnie Fox

Sir, Many of Britain's most successful companies pay their top managers high salaries, offer performance-related bonuses, grant three-year rolling term contracts, implement share option schemes and agree fair compensation packages on dismissal. My experience advising on legal aspects of executive remuneration and compensation tells me that Mr Alastair Ross Goobey at Postel is wrong to threaten to vote against "unacceptable" contract terms ("Putting the brakes on the corporate gravy train", July 22).

Too many institutional investors fail to understand the needs of successful entrepreneurial businessmen for:

☐ Competitive financial rewards, related to performance, which recognise the responsibility of leading a major company;

☐ A share of the wealth they are creating for shareholders;

☐ Some security against a career being shattered by circumstances outside their control.

Real appreciation of how wealth is created is sadly lacking. The stock market seems to be controlled by institutional investors judging (and judged) on short-term performance criteria.

Unless we can convince the directors of growing businesses that institutional shareholders will be sensitive to their needs, profitable private businesses will not come to the stock market and senior executives of major listed companies will vote with their feet.

Yours faithfully,
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. . .remember who pays

From Mr Donald B. Butcher

Sir, Mr Peter Morgan is right to remind us that for at least five years the IoD has been reiterating its disapproval of large pay-offs for failed executives ("IoD has long opposed big pay-offs for failed executives", July 29).

The Prime Minister, the Archbishop of Canterbury and more recently the Chancellor of the Exchequer have also disapproved.

What is perhaps more remarkable is the total lack of results from all their homilies.

May I suggest that shareholders, both private and institutional, should at the very least vote against the re-election of directors in those companies where they disapprove of the actions taken. After all, the largesse is extracted from the pockets of the shareholders. As far as I know, neither the general public, the Church of England nor the taxpayer, have been footing the bill.

The words of your Leader of over three years ago (May 24, 1991) are as worthy of repitition as those of the IoD: "Shareholders of the world, unite! You have nothing to lose but your overpaid chairman."

Yours sincerely,
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Ins and outs of money supply

From Mr Thomas B. Haran

Sir, Pennington ("Reading the tea leaves", July 21) states: "True, the mystery of rampant M0 remains." Does M0 matter? It is intended as a measure of liquidity in the economy.

Consider, however, the true position. Bernard draws a £10 note from his overdrawn account and gives it to Arthur for cleaning his windows. The latter pays it into his creditor account. Deposits are up; money has been created.

Two days later, Arthur withdraws the same £10 note and uses it to buy petrol. The garage proprietor pays it into his debtor account. Deposits are down; money has been destroyed.

Cash, therefore does not simply circulate from hand to hand: its passing creates and destroys money according to the statuses of the parties concerned.

Banknotes cannot, therefore, be money itself and, in fact, are simply purchasing vouchers for general purposes, just as a luncheon voucher is for a specific one.

If Britain became a cashless society, depositors would increase their deposits with their cash holdings, while borrowers would use theirs to reduce advances. The money supply (cash plus deposits) would fall dramatically! Thus, the correct count for M0 (liquidity) is cash in circulation, less cash in the hands of borrowers.

Alternatively, giving a similar answer, liquidity is the part of deposits depositors intend to spend plus the part borrowed for spending.

In any event, liquidity is the result of trading activity and not a catalyst which can affect the economy.

Yours faithfully,
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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Sports car from way back

MY word is my bond not only in the City but also on the Isle of Wight, from where John "Fingers" Fingleton, 27 years a City man — 20 of them in the field of PR, poor chap — has inherited a 1938 MG-TA sports car. Fingleton first espied the car in 1968 and he agreed to pay Donald Brown, the owner, £100. "At the time, I owned a 1939 MG-TB," says Fingleton, "but Brown could not bear the thought of parting with his beloved car. We maintained a sort of *84 Charing Cross Road* correspondence down the years, and he would often admit that his change of heart gave him a twinge of conscience". Brown died recently, and to the surpise of Fingleton he has bequeathed him the beloved MG-TA sports. "Fingers", who is at least 11 years younger than his inheritance and has worked for Shandwick and College Hill in his time, is bent on returning to life in the City and promises to find his own parking space in the Square Mile — if offered a PR post. Now there's an interesting invitation.

Forty lines

WHOOPS! Scottish Provident has produced a free booklet for its customers on the merits, or otherwise, of independent schools — and tripped itself up spectacularly in the process. *Forty Questions To Ask The Head* discusses the importance of grammar, before advising: "Find out to whom children can turn to at independent schools." It continues: "The rules on uniform in state schools is usually less strict". A Scottish Provident spokesman says: "Unfortunately, gremlins creep in to many companies' publications. We are really sorry about the mistake wot we made."

Hopping mad

THE champion beer of Britain, selected at the Campaign for Real Ale's Great British Beer Festival at Olympia, is Timothy Taylor's Landlord bitter, from Keighley in Yorkshire, a longstanding favourite among brewers themselves. The same tipple has lifted the title twice before, in 1982 and 1983. Strange then that the current Camra *Good Beer Guide* has a distinctly reserved tasting note about it. "Long regarded as king, but is the crown slipping?" it ponders. "Still hoppy, but the fruit notes are now engulfed in bitterness. Lemons can still be detected in the nose, but the flowers seem to have gone." Alan Hey, the head brewer of Timothy Taylor , thinks that this is nonsense, and says Landlord's recapture of its title proves as much. The secret, he says, is that this great British beer is made exclusively with Styrian Golden hops from Yugoslavia. "They cost twice as much as British hops," he says, "and that is what you are tasting."



Karting battle

CITY speed fiends still have time to sign up for the 1994 City Karting Challenge, a 24-hour endurance race to be held during the first weekend in September. Up to 40 teams of 12 will battle it out, using 360cc twin-engined Honda Pro Karts, with a handful of celebrity drivers to liven things up. The organisers are still hoping that Damon Hill will find time to show the others how to go about it. Teams from Lehman Brothers, Arthur Andersen and JP Morgan are among those to have confirmed a place — and have thrown down the gauntlet to their City rivals. Anyone interested should call Jane Cowell at Bankers Trust on (071) 982 2983. The Challenge has raised more than £60,000 in the previous two years for the benefit of a range of children's charities.

A tasteful holiday tale from the fair isle of Minorca reaches my ears. Tim Hopper, a holidaymaker from Windermere, bought a tin of green beans at a local supermarket and was shocked to find a dead mouse inside. He took it up with a health inspector who, in true Fawlty Towers fashion, told him it was quite safe to eat the rodent since it had been sterilized. Understandably, Hopper decided against it.

JON ASHWORTH

ACCOUNTANCY

Golden route out of frustration

BY ROBERT BRUCE

The most worrying aspect for the profession about the current exodus of talented staff from the large accounting firms into the City is the sheer quality of the people who are leaving. The recent move of Howard Hyman, then acting head of corporate finance worldwide at Price Waterhouse, now managing director of Charterhouse, is the most visible and extraordinary of such moves.

According to James Wheeler, managing director of Hewitson-Walker Temporary Accountants: "All the large firms are very worried because they are losing precisely the people they wanted to keep." He dates the change to autumn 1993. "Since last September," he said, "the City has opened up its chequebooks for high-flying manager level people from the Big Six."

It is particularly worrying for the large firms when they had just about got themselves out of the mess they had made of the recession. But in the end two factors are significant. In Wheeler's words "there are fancy packages being offered" and it is "hardly surprising they have taken the money with all the current uncertainty surrounding the concept of partnerships".

Mr Hyman, the highest of the flyers from the Big Six, agreed. The remuneration structure at a bank, he said, is "much more incentivised than at an accountancy firm. There is a much greater degree of bonus". The accountancy firms have allowed themselves to become prisoners of the partnership system rather than using it to create greater flexibility. Almost all the senior partners of the top firms will say that they must get around to reforming the pay structure some time. It may now be too late.

Mr Hyman argues that his poaching by Charterhouse is "a great compliment to Price Waterhouse". And he has a point. When he was appointed PW's head of corporate finance, Europe, in early 1990 it was obvious in which direction he was headed. The firm then earned its fees from audit, tax and management consultancy. "In terms of profit," he said at the time, "I want to build corporate finance into the fourth leg of Price Waterhouse. Most people give me five years to do it. But I'd like to be quicker than that." And he was.

It is a bit of an understatement to say there are mixed feelings at Price Waterhouse over his departure. He was a major player, and accounting firms can ill-afford to lose people like that. But at the same time, what Mr Hyman would describe as his courage would be termed arrogance by some people at the firm, and it did not always win him support. He argued that "courage and being brave is an essential part of this business. I try to lead by example. It is teamwork, not ego. Courage is a question of pushing yourself, particularly when you find something difficult. It is also very important for the whole team to be courageous." In the end it has to be a question of the angle of perception. "I pushed a lot at Price Waterhouse," he said, "but that has nothing to do with arrogance or abrasiveness."



Howard Hyman may not be the last high-flyer to go over

Mr Hyman will enjoy his new surroundings. He is in the midst of change anyway. He has reached his mid-forties and moved houses this year.

Now, after a week at Charterhouse, he has vanished on holiday. "I will be letting one lot of ideas out and letting new ones sink in. I will write down what I think should be done and then put it away," he said.

After 22 years at Price Waterhouse, Mr Hyman wants to "listen" and "really understand the business" before making changes. He said: "The potential to create a European entity at Charterhouse is what I am attracted by." And the drive that allowed him to do the same at Price Waterhouse is there, if anything refreshed by the abrupt change.

Mr Hyman says he has found more similarities than differences. "There is a tremendous collegiate approach here, like a partnership you can get commitment from consensus and lead by example."

At Charterhouse his single-minded commitment will produce results. But his move will also unsettle high-flyers in the large accounting firms more. His move is a one-off. But it has highlighted the route out of frustrations within the firms.

"I am not," Mr Hyman said, "likely to be the last partner to move on to a fresh challenge."

Marrying of fact and imagination

IN THE DAYS when Jeremy Hanley was a lecturer in auditing and tax rather than chairman of the Conservative Party, he had a very bright idea about corporate scandals. To enliven his lectures on company law he devised a plan to start tours of the sites of notable company collapses. In part, this was because one such site was in Notting Hill Gate, a mere five minutes walk from the lecture hall. But his idea was really based on the notion that on paper there was little sense of the real flavour of how and why things had gone wrong. No textbook could provide that. What was required was the marrying of fact and imagination.

Such an initiative is still required today. Anyone reading the latest report from the Department of Trade and Industry inspectors can follow clearly a tale that has every element of 1980s corporate disaster within it. The Atlantic Computers saga is, as we all expected, a rattling good yarn. And it also knocks on the head much of the nonsense spoken about corporate governance. No one will be able to remark, complacently, that "there is no real evidence that opinion-shopping exists" again, for example. The report also highlights all the traditional aspects of how things go wrong. A charismatic man has a bright idea. He builds a company around it. Advisors find it impossible to tell the outside world that the bright idea, like the emperor, is not actually wearing any clothes and is doomed to failure. The company appears to thrive, so it becomes much harder for anyone to get across the message that it has no real foundations. Auditors and other advisors wrap themselves around with technical jargon to make themselves feel secure. Eventually, another company buys the business at a huge price. After a while its directors realise the truth, try to maintain the terrible secret that they are dupes and are now technically bust but, in the long run, fail. There is an enormous thud and everyone emerges to sue one another.



ROBERT BRUCE

The problem, despite all the recommendations of the DTI inspectors, is human nature. It was that point that Hanley understood so well in his lecturing days. New legislation and guidelines will issue forth in good time. What they will not do is alert people to the reasons behind disasters such as Atlantic Computers. This is not to say that the basic problems of corporate governance should be played down. The fundamental betrayal of its clients by the audit profession in the 1980s is clear. It never ensured that it was strong and independent enough to shift erring companies and their directors back on to the straight and narrow.

It comes as no surprise that leasing provided the basis for this disaster. Throughout the period, the accounting rules surrounding leasing were always the ones that were about to go back to yet another working party for clarification. At which point the profession ought to have said that companies were ignoring common sense and would go bust. Certainly, as the inspectors point out, Atlantic's accounts did not give a true and fair view from 1983 until it went bust in 1989. It also comes as no surprise to find the profession tripping over its rules on confidentiality. When KPMG Peat Marwick was about to take over the Atlantic audit, because Spicer and Pegler had decided to resign, its senior audit partners learnt that £160 million of previously undisclosed liabilities, which would sound the death-knell for the company, existed. They then learnt that the three dominant directors on the board of British & Commonwealth, the parent company, had decided not to change the accounts, not to tell the rest of their board about the liabilities, not to tell the outgoing auditor, Spicers, or Deloitte, their own auditors. The obvious course of action would have been for KPMG to alert all of these people. But the audit partners found that their shoelaces were tied as a result, as the inspectors put it, of the "correct analysis of their strict legal and professional duty in the matter". In other words, the legal advice was to keep quiet, presumably because they would otherwise have been used as the scapegoat. The inspectors, with some understatement, say that "the result cannot be regarded as satisfactory". It all comes back, again, to the strength of auditors' convictions that something should be done. But what is really needed is for such events to receive something like the Hanley treatment. There needs to be a much wider understanding than a DTI report can provide. It cries out for filming, or being made into a TV play for popularisation. It is a great example of the wobbly human response to the corporate morality of the 1980s.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Salvation on a plate

SAD to hear that the Accademia Italiana, the elegant Italian cultural centre based in fairest Knightsbridge, has run into financial difficulties. The centre, due to meet creditors later this month, has hosted a number of smart parties in its day, and clearly missed a golden opportunity a few weeks ago when a couple of top partners from Arthur Andersen held their summer bash there. The pair were none other than John Talbot and Murdoch McKillop, who specialise in corporate recovery.

Gone fishing

FEW can challenge Tesco's Scottish credentials when it comes to the battle for the Wm Low supermarket chain north of the border. Even David Reid, its finance director, started his life in the food business up there, but one wonders whether the fine details of his early work will offer any mileage to the opposition. Reid, I hear, earned his spurs auditing an Aberdeen firm of fish merchants. And he wishes someone had warned him to turn up in Wellington boots on his first day.

Loopy lunchtime

HERE'S a challenge few accountants will be able to resist. Ernst & Young has teamed up with Catalyst Event Management to host "The City Loophole Challenge", at Broadgate Arena next month. Four teams of five people will be put through a series of motivational and team tasks. In Walking Wired, the team attempts to cross a carpet one at a time stepping on "safe" squares — not unlike crossing a minefield. In another, The Pyramid, the unfortunates move cones and bottles using a mechanical grabber. Well, it beats the average audit. Anyone who wants to laugh at the competitors or simply throw things, should go down to Broadgate at lunchtime August 15-19.

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1120	680	HSBC HK	804	-3	...	3.7	11.5
473	296	Hambros	307	-3	...	3.7	11.6
443	400	Joseph (L)	405	...	...	6.1	12.6
170	132	King Shaxson	134	...	...	5.4	11.8
693	424	Kleinwort Ben	494	-7	...	8.4	13.2
660	519	Lloyds	562	-2	...	4.7	8.8
118	95	Lon Scot Bk	113	...	...	5.4	10.5
620½	489½	Nat Aust Bk	521	-2½	...	3.9	17.2
622	421	Nat West	465	-5	...	5.4	10.9
573	415	Provident	493	...	...	5.3	10.4
79	53	Rea Bros	57	...	...	4.1	15.7
528	377½	Ryl Bk Scot	386	+4	...	1.6	14.7
1460	1050	Schroders	1268	...	...	3.9	17.4
359½	223	Stand Chart	228	-2	...	1.7	11.4
201	197	TSB	208	-2	...	2.7	12.2
190	131	Union	134	+1	...	5.0	10.2
1012	676	Warburg SG	760	-9	...	2.8	12.4
£105	8612½	Wells Fargo	£102	+50	...	3.6	9.2
260	194	Westpac	222	-4	...	2.6	...
390	300	Wintrust	300	...	...	2.5	-
						4.4	-

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
683	540	Allied-Lyons	591	-2	...	4.7	14.4
619	485	Bass	569	+1	...	4.8	14.9
298	250	Boddington	270	...	...	3.7	15.1
459	358	Bulmer (HP)	386	...	...	3.5	22.2
196	168	Burtonwd Brw	180	+5	...	3.5	15.0
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	150	...	...	3.0	20.8
86	49½	Fosters Brewing	52½	-½	...	5.5	61.1
493	419	Fullr Sm 'A'	419	-1	...	2.3	17.3
506	375	Grand Met	422½	-1½	...	3.9	18.3
511	399	Greenalls Grp	439	+3	...	3.6	16.8
584	452	Greene King	498	+13	...	3.2	13.9
542	428	Guinness	448½	-½	...	3.6	14.5
261	239	Hardy Hansn	254	...	...	4.4	13.0
160	135	Hewitrees	140	-10	...	3.6	12.6
457	353	Highland Distl	440	+6	...	1.9	20.9
3548	3125	Holt J	3548	+20	...	1.7	20.0
169	137	Macallan-Glen	168	...	...	0.8	46.4
615	365	Macdn Martn 'A'	615	...	...	2.0	25.3
246	195	Mansfield	228	+7	...	2.4	-
302	256	Marston Thmp	279	+2	...	2.7	14.5
609	544	Matthew Clark	609	+9	...	3.7	-
250	113	Mrytn W	122	...	...	2.6	...
545	463	Morland	500	...	...	2.5	16.7
10½	8½	Paramount	8½	...	...	2.2	15.7
267	209	Regent Inns	237	+6	...	2.1	24.1
1521½	1000	SA Breweries	1215½	...	...	2.3	19.8
591	493	Scot & New	531½	-6	...	4.0	15.8
190	142	Taunton Cider	173	...	...	4.9	12.9
306	229	Vaux Group	244	...	...	4.9	15.7
403½	326½	Wetherspoon JD	393	-2	...	1.8	26.0
617	494	Whitbread	531½	-5	...	4.4	15.5
589	493	Wolvrhmptn D	529	+1	...	3.1	14.8
535	483	Young 'A'	503	...	...	3.7	19.3

BUILDING, ROADS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	135	Abbey	137	...	...	1.8	22.5
27	17	Alfrighton	18	...	...	3.5	17.3
200	148	Allen	166	...	...	4.0	19.7
164	99	Amec	118	...	...	3.2	50.7
454	333	Ashtead	387	+1	...	1.8	-
165	109	Attwoods	119	...	...	5.3	...
363	224	BPB Ind	330	+5	...	3.0	22.9
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	135	...	...	2.9	25.5
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	33½	...	...	2.6	20.5
88	18½	Barcon	20	...	...	10.9	2.4
60	38½	Bardon	42	...	...	6.0	...
292	188	Barratt Devs	195	-2	...	3.2	21.0
169	139	Beazer Homes	157	...	...	4.0	13.8
301	198	Bellway	219	+1	...	3.5	20.6
59	42	Bellwinch	42	...	...	...	...
244	125	Berisford Intl	220	+1	...	...	...
573	391	Berkeley Gp	415	-6	...	2.1	17.3
215	118	Bett Bros	175	...	...	2.0	8.7
93	60	Blockleys	70	...	...	1.8	...
391	262	Blue Circle	320	+1	...	4.4	26.9
355	277	Boot (Henry)	308	...	...	2.6	15.6
70	35	Brandon Hire	68	+2	...	2.0	-
117	77	Breedon PLC	87	-3	...	6.6	24.9
154	130	Br Dredging	140	...	...	5.0	17.9
98	78	Brit Fixings	87	...	2.0	2.9	-
197½	140	Bryant	155	+1	...	3.9	23.6
145½	111½	CALA	123	+4	...	2.6	...
409	321	CRH	384	+5	...	2.5	19.5
70	31	Cakebread Rby	43	...	...	...	...
42	24	Costain	30½	-½	...	...	...
185	143	Countryside	153	...	...	3.4	34.0
120	85	Crest Nicholson	88	+1	...	2.3	16.2
140	100	Cussins	104	...	...	3.6	12.6
30	19	Edmond Hldgs	25	...	...	1.5	...
350	273	Epwin	300	+1	...	3.1	19.8
82	57	Erith	68	+1	...	1.8	38.3
475	375	Eve Group	375	...	...	3.7	-
60	37½	Galliford	37½	...	...	3.3	...
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	88	...	2.5	3.6	-
1058	863	Gleeson (MJ)	863	...	...	1.8	15.1
218	182	Graham Grp	198	-3	...	2.9	19.9
169	139	Hewden-Stuart	183½	+½	...	2.2	24.1
74	46	Hewetson	68	...	...	2.3	...
473	334	Heywd Wm	368	...	...	4.4	24.5
144	96	Higgs & Hill	96	...	...	3.3	...
41	27	How Gp	37	...	...	2.5	...
32	20	Howard Hldgs	24½	...	0.5	2.6	...
100	67	Ibstock	75	...	...	1.7	...
25	6	Jarvis	9½	...	...	...	...
138	104	Keller	123	+2	...	3.8	14.3
423	261	Laing (J)	278	...	...	3.9	20.8
164	106	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	112	...	...	7.1	...
145	115	Ln Clydeside	127	...	...	4.7	17.6
112	78	Lovell (Y.J)	88	...	...	...	...
47½	132	Manders	348	...	...	3.6	18.5
217½	138½	Marley	165	...	...	3.2	27.0
195	126	Marshalls	148	...	...	3.6	18.1
253	196	Maunders (J)	240	+2	...	2.8	23.1
311	194	McAlpine (A)	215	+1	...	3.8	31.5
72½	50½	McCarthy & S	58	-1	...	1.1	...
560	384	Meyer Intl	435	+2	...	3.1	18.3
185½	96	Mowlem (J)	96	+2	...	2.6	...
212½	96	NSM	108	+1	...	...	12.4
48	33	Needler	35	...	...	...	...
191	146	Newman Tnks	160	+7	...	4.8	21.5
379½	229	Persimmon	250	+1	...	4.5	22.4
20	4	Phoenix Timber	13	...	...	...	...
1600	1450	Pochins	1600	...	29.0	2.5	22.7
189	131	Prowting	132	...	...	3.2	40.6
1079	805	RMC Gp	987	+11	...	2.7	27.9
116	68	Raine Ind	68	...	...	3.7	14.8
40	23	Ramus	25	-1	...	...	...
640	466	Redland	545	+1	...	5.7	28.6
106	70	Roskel	95	...	4.3	5.7	...
199½	125	Rugby Group	148	-3	...	2.9	20.9
61	33	Secure Retire	35	...	...	...	...
64	50	Svrfd-Rvrs	62	+1	0.5	1.0	-
191	155	Sharpe & Fisher	174	+7	...	3.0	19.0
238	222	Shetfield Insl	270	+2	...	2.5	21.7
332	233	Sheriff Hldgs	320	+16	...	1.7	21.3
157	94	Shorrno	151	...	5.2	4.3	27.3
249	195	Smart (J)	213	...	...	5.0	18.4
5	1½	Starmin	1½	...	...	...	...
236	135	Tarmac	154	+1	...	4.5	...
257	154	Tay Homes	154	...	...	4.9	16.5
183	121	Taylor Woodrw	143	+1	...	1.3	34.9
760	596	Tilbury Dougls	605	...	33.0	6.8	68.2
60	36	Torex Hire	53	+1	...	2.1	...
371	274	Travis Perkins	310	-5	...	3.2	28.1
39½	16	Trencherwood	20	+1	...	...	...
44	23	Try Group	24	+1	...	2.6	...
29	21	Tudor	25	...	...	1.2	...
113	93	Vibroplant	104	-1	...	4.4	-
170	127½	Walnhomes	129	...	...	4.1	13.9
74	50	Ward Hldgs	68	...	...	...	...
45	23	Waterhouse	40	+2	...	...	...
545	450	Watts Blake	510	+5	...	2.9	21.9
225	154	Westbury	170	...	...	3.9	19.0
3	2½	Wiggins	6	...	...	...	...
571	348	Wilson Bowdn	405	-7	...	2.9	15.3
259	185	Wilson (C)	200	+1	...	2.5	20.5
249	151	Wimpey G	161	+6	...	4.1	24.1
30	16	YRM	17	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
740	583	ADT	663	...	...	...	...
443	253	Adam & Harvey	423	...	...	4.4	-
83	58	Air London	63	...	...	6.9	13.8
62	44	African Lakes	52	...	...	1.2	...
140	92½	Asiu Sec	98	...	...	...	12.7
162	101	BET Ord	118	...	...	3.4	19.7
205	115	BNB Res	166	...	...	3.6	19.6
225	175	BPP	190	...	...	5.8	13.8
180	151	BSM	152	...	...	4.8	12.9
235	198	Barbour Index	200	...	...	5.5	-
1	1	Black & Edge	1½	...	...	...	...
220	161	Brit Data Mgt	176	+1	4.9	3.5	12.8
31	22	Broadcastle	28	...	...	4.5	13.4
75	58	Brooks Service	68	...	...	2.8	...
122	98	CRT Gp	101	-4	...	4.1	-
238	158	Capita Group	179	-1	...	2.0	22.5
50	30	Casket Plc	35	...	...	4.0	11.7
30	7½	Chiltern Capital	21½	...	...	...	...
85	56	Christie	60	...	...	...	...
423	292	Chubb Sec	330	+16	...	2.4	20.3
61	41	Corp Services	52	...	...	0.6	19.6
141	81	Comms Cnstg	89	...	...	...	...
170	140	Dart	145	-1	...	3.2	15.5
250	212	Davis Service	222	+1	...	4.5	15.7
154	119	EW Facts	122	...	...	4.9	9.3
34	18	Gardiner	19½	...	...	4.9	9.2
334	261	Hays	305	...	...	2.3	23.6
269	220	Hogg Robinsn	234	+1	...	3.8	18.4
35	19	Holmes Protectn	28	...	...	...	...
365	240	Hutch Whamp	300½	-6½	...	1.9	21.0
2740½	2016½	ISS B DKr	2437½	-18½	...	4.3	24.6
520	425	Inchcape	467	+3	...	4.0	14.9
165	161	JBA Hldgs	161	...	...	1.9	16.4
414	314	Johnson Clean	318	...	...	4.2	12.9
8	4	Lep	4½	...	...	...	...
275	201	Malc Gp	239	+1	...	1.7	-
2052	1156½	Manpower	1575	+31½	...	0.8	...
85	65	Michael Page	85	...	...	3.1	20.9
132	91	Parity	110	+7	...	1.3	28.3
115	87	Pentina	87	...	...	5.7	...
87½	60½	Proudfoot	62	...	...	7.1	15.3
415	310	RCO	310	...	...	6.2	10.6
133	97	REA	120	...	...	6.2	45.8
162	104	Reed Executive	140	+1	1.0	0.9	...
137	105	Reliance Sec	128	...	...	4.7	-
270	199½	Rentokil	239	-1½	...	1.5	24.6
184	147	Rolfe & Nolan	175	...	...	2.9	27.2
292	243	Salvesen (C)	280	...	...	3.5	15.1
99	47	Scott Pickford	56	+1	...	2.0	-
17	9	Select Appt	13	...	...	...	...
297	255	Serco Gp	291	+1	...	1.5	26.5
139	75	Sherwd Cmpt	112	+6	...	2.0	...
130	100	Sketchley	105	...	...	3.8	16.4
374	325	Warner Howard	330	...	...	2.8	15.7
38½	20	Wills Gp	21	...	...	2.5	14.7

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
298	251	Allied Colloids	282	+4	...	2.1	22.6
2141	1610	Amersham	2039	+2	...	1.9	21.8
3	2	Anglo Utd	2½	...	...	...	...
£136½	£106½	BASF DM	£125½	+66½	...	7.0	...
373	267	BTP	317	+6	...	3.8	20.1
£165½	£137½	Bayer DM50	£154½	+100	...	5.9	...
171	97	Blagden	126	...	...	1.5	58.9
131	94	Brent Chems	115	...	...	4.3	...
450	311½	BTP Bio-Tech	350	...	...	...	...
11	5	Caird Gp	7½	...	...	...	21.5
199	151	Canning (W)	183	+2	...	4.7	22.4
580	467	Courtaulds	544	+5	...	3.4	18.9
381	327	Croda	369	...	...	2.8	18.8
135	95	Dwefter	95	...	...	6.1	30.8
292	236	Ellis & Everard	260	...	...	3.5	-
58	51	Euro Colour	55½	...	...	2.6	14.6
400	337	Halstead (J)	358	...	...	2.4	14.7
221	160	Hickson	166	...	...	6.0	16.0
£148½	£108½	Hoechst	£147	+106½	...	5.0	...
27	19½	Hilton Chem	25½	+2	...	2.1	18.9
880	725	ICI	856	-4	...	4.1	68.3
443	304	Laporte	700	+2	...	3.3	22.4
248	180	Leigh	220	+1	...	4.0	19.6
76	48	MTM	72½	+1½	...	...	...
2432	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2415½	-9½	...	1.4	-
562	481	Paterson Zoch	497	...	...	3.2	13.1
495	416	-do- 'A'	482	...	...	3.3	12.7
290	180	Plysu	190	...	...	4.6	22.2

DRAPERY, STORES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
349	265	Portals	310	+5	...	1.7	23.3
66	44	Sutcliffe Speak	49	+2	...	1.3	28.8
490	361	Wardle Storeys	361	...	...	6.0	18.0
723	570	Wistnholme R	723	...	...	3.1	18.1
483	380	Yorks Chem	414	-7	...	2.5	19.5
336	258	Yule Catto	303	+3	...	2.6	23.0
869	672	Zeneca	771	+13	...	4.5	15.5

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	205	Allders	216	-3	...	3.5	16.1
430	330	Argos Plc	361	+1	...	2.8	19.4
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	65	+1	...	0.2	...
367	300	Asprey	316	+1	...	2.4	15.6
231	176	Austin Reed	230	...	...	3.0	12.9
168	142	Beattie (J) 'A'	142	...	...	5.5	15.3
150	110	Bentalls	121	...	...	2.1	45.0
165	73	Betterware	79	+4	...	4.1	8.5
48	36	Blacks Lels	48	...	...	6.0	-
264	214	Body Shop	240	+1	...	1.0	22.5
601	504	Boots	532	+1	...	3.5	21.0
12½	2½	Brown & Jacksn	3½	...	...	...	...
245½	210	Brown (N)	242	...	...	2.1	23.2
74½	51	Burton	60½	+½	...	4.1	...
178	156	CPL Aromas	176	...	...	2.1	16.8
245	180	Cantors	190	...	...	3.6	28.5
520	388	Church	403	+5	...	3.4	27.7
171	96	Clinton Cards	97	...	...	6.1	8.4
287	200	Coats Viyella	217½	-½	...	4.6	19.0
170	148	C'ty Casuals	145	...	...	3.7	14.8
905	740	Courts Furnish	775	...	...	1.0	39.1
210	155	Crown Eyes	180	-5	...	6.8	-
137	83½	Dairy Farm Intl	96½	+1½	...	3.8	13.1
139½	91	Dewhirst (I)	131½	...	...	1.4	28.9
287	170	Dixons Grp	196	+4	...	4.2	25.3
11½	7½	ERA Gp	8½	...	...	...	...
11½	4½	Eclipse Blinds	4½	...	...	4.9	...
580	530	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	17.0	3.7	-
284	194	Essex Furn	202	...	...	2.4	32.3
287	217	Etam	287	+3	...	3.3	20.4
558	494	Fine Art Dev	513	...	14.3	3.5	15.9
70	46	Fired Earth	48	...	...	...	...
725	680	Forminster	725	...	...	2.8	-
187	124	French Conn	185	...	...	...	10.4
73	48	Gent SR	56	...	...	5.1	17.1
116	85	Goldsmiths Gp	108	...	...	1.3	19.6
853	548½	GUS	581	+1	...	2.8	16.8
196	164	Hamleys	185	...	...	3.2	17.8
31	21	Hampden Grp	24	...	...	5.2	...
32	16	Hartstone	19	-1	...	2.4	...
110	55	Heritage	55	...	...	...	...
91	64	Honeysuckle	73	...	...	4.3	10.7
210½	178	Hse of Fraser	214	-1	...	2.9	19.3
211	173	Jacques Vert	191	...	...	3.0	16.6
778	477	Kingfisher	515	+½	...	3.6	12.6
88	61	Leslie Wise Gp	67	...	...	7.7	13.7
435	350	Liberty	400	...	...	1.5	49.2
380	277	Lloyds Chem	317	-5	...	3.1	10.5
184	137	MFI	148	+1	...	3.4	18.8
460½	380	Marks Spencer	424½	...	...	2.7	19.7
680	554	Menzies (John)	570	...	...	2.6	13.8
343	238	Moss Bros	327	...	...	2.7	15.9
281	214	Next	259½	+1	...	2.6	19.3
70	39	Oliver (G)	60	+1	...	...	74.2
335	250	Oriflame Intl	265	...	...	5.0	-
37	22½	Pepino	25	...	...	...	...
260	169	QS Hldgs	170	...	...	3.8	20.0
38	25	Rhino Grp	31	...	...	2.0	11.2
209	157½	Rosebys	159	...	...	3.7	18.0
180	113	Sherwood Gp	116	...	...	3.1	11.5
132	110	Sears	119	...	...	3.9	20.2
46	23½	Signet Group	31½	-½	...	...	18.1
549	450	Smith WH	465	+4	...	4.0	15.0
21	11	Speciality	13	...	...	...	...
252	205	Stonehouse	226	+1	...	3.0	20.1
198	148	T & S Stores	170	+1	...	4.3	13.1
175	124	Tie Rack	139	...	...	1.6	16.5
265	215	Time Products	227	+1	...	4.7	17.6
132	105	Usher (Frank)	106	...	6.0	7.1	11.5
482	384	Vendome	482	+2	...	1.4	-
44	34	Vivat	36	...	...	4.3	9.3
70	34	WEW Group	36	...	...	2.1	26.5
79	42	Wensum	79	...	...	3.2	27.9
120	92	Wickes	97	+2	...	1.7	23.2
91	54	Wid of Leather	91	...	...	...	...
195	139	Wyevale	139	...	...	4.0	14.7

ELECTRICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	109	ACT Group	117	...	...	5.6	10.9
296	248	Acal	225	+2	...	3.1	17.2
634	478	Admiral	434	+21	...	1.3	23.2
191	163	Alba	191	...	...	3.3	15.4
43	34	Alphameric	39	...	...	...	...
50	26	Amstrad	33½	+1½	...	1.9	...
105	73	App Holo	95	...	...	...	...
30	24	Arlen	30	+1	...	...	...
94½	78	Astec	85½	...	...	1.1	27.2
281	213	Adian	213	...	...	1.8	-
283	239	Beales Hunter	259	...	...	4.6	16.0
478	378	BICC	415	-10	...	5.8	30.4
535	411	Bick	425	...	...	3.1	17.1
1100	637½	Borland	787½	...	...	...	...
380	305½	Bowthorpe	322	+7	...	2.7	18.0
486	353½	BT	379	+½	...	5.5	13.2
367	236½	BT P/P	259½	+½	...	5.5	13.2
20	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	18½	+½	...	1.7	13.7
79	55	Burnfield	65	...	...	4.8	30.5
543	394	Cable Wireless	454	+3	...	2.1	19.3
35½	24	Chloride	30½	...	...	...	...
353	263	CML Micro	266	...	...	2.8	-
182	105	Comper People	175	+1	...	1.1	39.9
202	154	Cray Elecr	181	...	...	1.6	-
458	412	Crickley	458	+14½	...	2.2	20.5
586	473	Delta	515	+4	...	3.5	22.9
663	446	Densmans El	585	...	...	1.4	16.3
538	400	Domino	522	+5	...	2.0	22.7
78	68	Dowding Mills	73	...	...	4.3	24.5
1635	1220	Drucks	1482	...	...	0.9	-
580	480	Electrocomputs	491	+1	...	2.4	21.4
190½	135	El Data Prc	138	...	...	1.7	12.8
175	135	Electron House	155	...	...	2.6	-
35	21	Emess	32½	...	...	0.4	...
451	343	Eurotherm	399	...	...	1.6	23.6
212	162½	FKI	192	+3	...	2.4	23.4
656	512	Farnell Elect	537	+4½	...	1.7	22.0
336	286	Flow Tech	333	+5	...	1.3	-
283	200	Forward Gp	215	...	...	2.9	12.9
50	14½	Forward Tech	48	+1½	...	0.7	...
359½	269½	GEC	293½	+1	...	4.6	14.8
191	119	Graseby	137	+2	...	6.0	12.7
14½	10	Graystone	14½	...	...	0.9	...
198	126	Ind Control	133	+7	...	4.3	11.9
388	258	Jones Stroud	315	+2	...	3.6	-
143	98	Kalamazoo	136	+3	...	3.0	-
16	6	Kenfrey	16	+4	0.1	1.2	-
420	312	Kewill Sys	330	...	...	1.4	17.6
345	75	Kode	78	...	...	0.6	11.2
35	19	Laser-Scan	22	...	...	...	...
149½	78	LBMS	94	...	...	...	...
355	255	Lex Rdig	285	...	...	3.2	...
171	107	Life Sciences	131	+1	...	3.7	13.8
334	265	Logica	285	-3	...	1.8	32.6
52	46	LPA Ind	46	...	...	4.3	...
216	135	MR Data Mngmt	143	...	...	4.8	15.0
723	353	Macro 4	559	...	...	4.4	16.6
288	220	Memec-Swe	245	+9	...	2.1	-
1320	795	Micro Focus	1020	+42	...	...	9.3
178	120	Micrgen	129	...	...	7.0	12.9
55	33	Microvitec	40½	...	...	...	...
540½	433	Mitel	433	-4	...	2.3	-
494	185	Misel	205	-7	...	...	...
188	143	MMT Comp	176	...	...	3.0	18.0
315	250	MTL Instr	250	...	...	1.7	20.0
165	124	Murray Ent	123	+1	...	2.0	...
2748½	2000	Nynex	2577½	-9½	...	...	...
128	83	Neuromics	83	...	...	3.9	18.0
56	33	Newmark (L)	56	...	...	...	...
415	279	Nortalne	405	+5	...	0.7	-
84	47	Northamber	84	+1	...	1.2	-
15	9½	Oceonics	6	...	...	...	...
31	24	Orbis	24	...	0.5	2.7	-
358	277	Oxford Inst	295	+3	...	2.1	17.2
84	60	P & P	68	+1	...	3.9	16.9
98	74½	Peek	85½	+½	...	5.0	14.6
£105	9950	Philips Fn 4%	£105	...	...	5.3	...
2053½	1400	-do- Lmp nv	2053½	+31½	...	0.9	9.3
440	226	Photon	280	...	...	...	...
342	253	Pilco	342	...	...	1.6	28.7
330	283	-do- 'A' Voting	327	...	...	1.6	22.4
123	70	Plesmic	123	...	...	3.0	...
121	100	Prossc	120	+6	...	2.7	24.5
303	181	Psion	289	...	...	1.4	22.9
298	187	Racal Elect	244	-8	...	2.2	20.0
50	33	Radamec	46	+1	...	4.6	13.9
74	57	Radius	62	+2	...	1.4	...
148	73	Real Time	148	+2	...	3.5	-
311	229	Rotork	266	...	...	0.9	19.4
610	507	Sage Gp	576	+1	...	2.2	15.5
94	77½	Sanderson Elec	90	...	...	4.0	...
49	25	Scanmatic	28	...	3.1	14.2	7.7
254	162	Scholes Grp	253	...	...	2.5	26.3
434	310	Sema Gp	434	+1	...	0.9	25.6
278	265	Servomex	265	...	...	3.3	27.5
49	37	Silvermines	37	...	...	1.8	22.0
94	63	Soundtracks	68	...	...	4.4	15.4
3225	2265½	TDK	2921½	+78½	...	1.1	-
19	11	TDS Circuits	12½	...	...	...	...
130	83	Telemetrix	91	+2	...	1.4	10.7
295	191	Telspec	280	+5	...	1.1	33.8
1165	979	THORN EMI	1041	-9	...	4.1	21.2
202	133	Thorpe FW	202	+1	...	1.8	18.1
43	22	Total Systems	25	...	...	7.5	-
303	215	Tunstall	215	...	...	2.1	15.4
354	256	Unitech	350	-4	...	2.4	-
16	8½	Verity	10	...	...	...	...
31	21½	Vianca	24½	...	...	2.0	13.3
212	157½	Vodafone	195½	+3	...	1.8	25.6
483	395	Volex	430	-1	...	5.4	18.3
31	20	Western Selectn	26	...	0.2	1.2	...
335	260	Wholesale Ftgs	270	+4	11.7	5.4	28.7

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
717	537	East Midlands	658	+23	...	4.3	51.9
725½	566	Eastern Elect	670	+19	...	4.3	14.7
477	322	Hydro—Elect	361	+1	...	4.5	11.1
733½	534	London Elect	609	+16	...	4.6	9.3
850	635	Manweb	725	+10	...	4.2	8.7
767	547	Midlands Elec	663	+6	...	4.4	10.2
505	404½	National Power	487	+11	...	3.3	11.6
801	580	Northern Elec	705	+16	...	4.4	8.8
422	329	Nthn Ireland	348	+1	...	4.1	9.5
806	587	Norweb	703	+20	...	4.1	9.3
582	449	PowerGen	545½	+25½	...	2.9	12.0
486	337½	Scottish Power	380	+7	...	4.2	11.8
435	299	Seeboard	372	+14	...	3.9	9.8
825	591	Sth Wales	684	+12	...	4.7	9.3
745	551	Sth Western	656	+18	...	4.5	8.7
745½	540	Southern Elec	658	+5	...	4.3	10.3
729½	532	Yorkshire Elec	641	+11	...	4.6	12.5

FINANCE, LAND

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
57	51	Aitken Hume	51	...	1.0	2.5	10.8
165	99	BWD	103	+2	...	5.1	9.3
118	96	Baltic Plc	115	...	...	1.6	12.8
215	163	Blome Inv	167	+2	...	...	...
757	623	Caledonia	720	...	...	2.8	17.8
2600	1900	Camellia	2550	...	...	1.5	6.8
363	310	Candover	320	...	...	4.3	...
465	367	Govett	393	...	...	4.8	6.3
250	185	Ivory Sime	231	+1	...	4.1	18.0
428	175	Johnson Fry	186	...	1.5	1.0	...
245	147	Lon Pacific	147	...	...	7.9	9.2

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
57	44	Manakin	49	+1	...	...	...
25½	8½	Nat Home Loan	17½	...	...	...	0.4
88	53	Newmarket	58	...	...	...	...
365	247	Rathbone Brs	270	...	...	3.5	14.2
29	21½	Rutland Tst	24	...	...	4.5	12.2
365½	281½	S & U	331	...	...	3.0	10.8
114	82	Singer & Fried	89	...	...	4.2	11.5
1260	788	Sotheby's	828	-12	...	3.4	35.7
188	151	SJP Capital	156	+1	...	2.4	9.6
224	175	Towry Law	175	-2	...	3.3	17.2

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2015½	1628½	Amer Express	1762½	+25	...	...	...
194	131	Brewin Dolphin	151	...	...	4.8	11.1
229	157	Gartmore	176	...	...	2.8	20.3
1208	845	Henderson Ad	913	+3	...	6.0	14.5
251½	152	Invesco	181½	+½	...	2.4	20.8
317	214½	Jardine Strat	249½	-2½	...	3.3	10.3
323	287	MAI	270	+2	...	3.1	15.2
117½	85½	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	101	...	...	...	...
770	538	MAM	619	+6	...	4.5	14.4
1243	794	M & G	949	+10	...	3.7	19.9
496	342	Smith New Ct	391	+2	...	3.2	3.5
65	25	Trio Hldgs	29	...	...	6.5	13.2

FOODS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	499	AB Food	591	-1	...	3.2	11.6
66	50½	ASDA Group	60½	+½	...	3.7	12.5
368	265	Acatos & Hutch	283	-1	...	3.8	11.3
74	44	Albert Fisher	49	...	...	9.6	10.9
306½	222½	Argyll	272	-2	...	5.3	11.9
270	220	Banks (S C)	265	...	...	4.7	-
358	305	Barr (AG)	354	...	...	2.4	22.8
72	56	Bensons Crisp	58	...	...	6.1	19.2
481	378	Booker	415	+4	...	6.6	14.8
56½	48	Borthwick	53½	...	...	3.0	22.9
505	428	Brake Bros	428	...	...	2.0	15.9
43	26	Budgen	31	...	...	4.1	-
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	441	-2	...	4.1	14.9
232	143	Carrs Milling	186	...	...	3.0	-
167	130	Cranswick	152	...	...	6.6	13.1
17	11½	Culfens	13½	...	...	...	...
154	90	Dalepak	119	+1	...	1.6	-
543	389	Dalgety	435	...	...	5.9	12.7
87	50	Daniels S	57	...	...	0.7	...
294	219	Devro	235	+1	...	3.3	15.8
101	60	Everest	62	...	...	7.5	11.8
394	350	Farepak	350	...	...	2.4	-
8½	6	Farringford	6	...	...	...	...
85	68	Finlay (James)	76	...	...	6.8	14.2
105	87	Fyffes	96	...	...	1.8	16.4
371	193	Geest	258	...	8.1	3.9	...
20½	14	Global	17	...	...	3.7	15.5
68	39	Grand Central	39	...	...	...	...
191	119	Hazlewood Fds	124	+1	...	6.8	7.5
196½	151	Hillsdown	167	-2	...	6.6	13.4
28	16	Hobson	21½	...	...	...	...
211	133	Iceland Group	152	-1	...	3.1	9.7
111	93	JLI Group	96	...	...	6.2	-
656	523	Kwik Save	574	+6	...	4.1	10.0
359	138	Low (Wm)	359	+23	...	2.9	11.9
117	85	Matthews (B)	112	...	...	2.8	17.9
18	10½	Merchant Retail	11½	...	...	2.2	...
141	99	Morrison (W)	138	-1	...	0.9	16.1
246	205	Nichols (JN)	212	+1	...	3.4	14.2
271½	197	Nthn Foods	206	...	...	5.3	10.0
14	9	Nrthmbrn Fn	12	...	...	...	...
232	180	Nurdin Peack	195	...	...	4.2	10.8
131	89½	Park Foods	123	...	...	2.5	-
81	62	Perkins Food	65	-1	...	8.6	10.9
141	109	PizzaExpress	122	...	...	0.5	25.8
5½	2½	Regina Hlth	2½	...	...	...	...
480	342	Sainsbury J	419	...	...	3.2	14.8
96	73	Senty Farms	76	...	...	3.7	7.7
122	71	Sims Food	94	+1	...	10.6	-
487½	392	Tate & Lyle	444	+2	...	3.7	11.0
254	200½	Tesco	237½	-5½	...	4.1	12.3
198	162	Thorntons	186	...	...	2.6	...
238	145	Treatt	234	...	...	2.2	19.0
434½	346	Unigate	365	-3	...	5.9	10.3
388	302	Utd Biscuits	333	+1	...	5.7	14.1
21	9	Usborne	9	...	...	4.6	6.6
422	279	Watson & Phil	364	...	...	5.0	14.7
49	34	West Trust	36	...	...	9.3	23.6

HOTELS, CATERERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
34	26	Abrdn Stk Hs	34	...	...	...	...
94	76½	City Centre Rest	76½	-½	...	2.9	16.9
285	209½	Forte	238½	+½	...	3.9	37.1
207	169	Friendly Hotels	170	...	...	4.2	29.6
168½	142½	Jurys Hotel	146	+½	...	4.8	-
217½	153	Ladbroke	172½	-1½	...	4.3	25.4
109½	78½	Mandarin Orntl	89	+2½	...	3.7	22.8
31	18½	Ryan Hotels IE	27½	...	...	4.7	15.7
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	960	...	...	0.5	...
93	60½	Stakis	88½	+½	...	1.7	31.9

INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	38	AAF Inds	45	...	...	...	...
544	413	AAH	415	+1	...	5.4	14.8
185	119	AIM	139	+3	...	4.2	35.5
138	108	APV	113	+2	...	6.0	...
220	157	ASW	212	+1	...	3.5	...
202	158	Adwest	176	...	...	5.2	18.9
20½	14	Aerospace Eng	15½	...	...	6.0	75.5
312	223	Airsprung	231	-1	...	2.6	-
230	192	Alexdra W	211	...	...	3.3	22.5
11½	5½	Allied Radio	6	...	...	...	...
330	283	Altmasc	330	+1	...	2.4	17.8
73	39	Alvis	56	...	...	2.2	38.0
755	705	Amber Ind	743	...	...	3.4	15.4
65½	43½	Amberley Gp	58	+1	...	2.2	-
81	63	Anagen	48	...	...	...	...
95	48	Andrews Sykes	49	...	...	...	...
361	199½	Anlofagasta	310	-10	...	1.4	25.1
62	48	Armour	50½	...	...	4.1	11.8
175	168	Ash & Lacy	170	...	...	4.7	20.6
6	3½	Asst Br Eng	4½	...	...	1.5	54.9
639	474	Avon Rubber	610	...	...	3.4	26.5
297½	249	Assoc Nursg	251	...	...	1.0	-
553	460	Atlas Equip	533	...	...	5.2	18.5
96	66	Ayrshire Metal	96	...	1.5	2.0	...
236	180	BBA	213	+1	...	4.4	...
163	115	BLP Group	155	...	...	0.8	42.5
44	24½	BM Gp	40½	+½	...	...	...
767	627	BOC	765	+5	...	3.8	32.3
81½	60½	BSG	71	+½	...	5.6	44.4
578	495	BSS Group	522	...	...	4.2	22.0
401	344	BTR	389½	+4½	...	3.9	20.2
176	138	BWI	148	...	...	5.7	18.7
40½	28	Babcock	32½	...	...	...	...
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	7½	...	...	...	...
220	236	Baird (Wm)	235	...	...	4.7	18.7
568½	366½	Barlow	458½	...	...	0.7	...
81	64	Baynes (Charles)	75	...	...	2.8	20.5
25½	17	Bearing Power	18	+½	...	3.2	11.4
95	23	Beauford	24	...	...	...	...
35	28	Bedford (W)	31	...	...	...	...
18½	12	Benson Group	15	...	...	2.5	11.4
393	243	Bespak	245	...	...	5.2	-
91	49	Bibby (J)	55	...	...	4.5	...
226	145	Bilham (J)	145	...	...	4.6	9.0
55	26	Biston Bursen	37	...	...	...	...
10	3½	Bimec Ind	6½	...	...	...	...
283	243	Birkby	271	...	...	2.8	-
44	30	Black Arrow	43	...	...	7.9	-
283	233	Black (Peter)	268	...	3.8	1.8	21.0
220	135½	Bluebird Toys	216	+5	...	2.3	9.2
328	262	Bodycote	299	+8	...	2.2	21.2
40	31	Bogod 'A'	31	...	...	2.9	-
69	43	Booth Inds	67	...	...	...	...
28½	17	Boustead	22	...	...	3.7	-
534	409	Bowater	460	-3	...	3.4	17.3
1809½	1378½	Bowater Inc	1809½	+40½	...	...	...
297	252	Boxmore Intl	270	...	...	1.9	17.2
20	15	Brassway	17	...	...	4.0	-
348	288	Brammer	333	+2	...	4.9	21.6
31	19	Bridgend Gp	20	...	...	1.2	-
165	120	Brixton	164	+2	...	3.0	...
86	74	Bridport-Gndry	80	+1	...	3.3	...
57½	44½	Brierley Inv	49½	-½	...	8.7	9.6
235	190	Br Bldg & Eng	195	...	...	5.1	16.4
124	87	Br Bloodstock	92	...	...	...	...
515	435	Br Polythene	445	...	...	3.2	15.6
162	121½	Br Steel	158½	...	...	1.6	58.7
176	114	Br Thornton	114	...	...	6.6	-
309	253	Br Vita	270	+2	...	3.4	22.7
180½	136½	Brixton Grp	152	-2	...	2.1	22.4
931½	773½	Broken Hill	879½	-6½	...	2.2	38.1
125	86½	Bromsgrve Ind	93	...	...	6.0	-
18½	9½	Brooke Tool	13½	-½	...	...	...
71	46	Brown & Tawse	51	...	...	...	...
186	135	Bullough	156	+3	...	4.8	25.6
16	8	Business Tech	9½	...	...	...	...
22	14	CI Group	15	...	...	4.2	61.2
54	31	Campbl & Arm	37	...	...	...	...
39	26	Cannon St	29½	+3	...	...	11.3
488	408	Caradon Pharms	408	-2	...	...	...
278	254	Cape	262	...	...	5.2	16.6
455	278	Caradon	340	+3	...	3.5	23.3
215½	139½	-do- pf	149	+½	7.2	6.1	...
293	252	Carclo Eng	252	...	...	4.5	16.5
10	6	Care UK	6½	...	...	...	...
2446½	1890½	Carnaud Mtl	2165½	-21½	...	2.2	16.7
104	80	Cassidy Bros	86	...	...	4.0	11.0
273	220	Castings	273	...	...	2.4	-
66	32½	Cathay Intl	36	...	...	...	...
233	191	Celltech	207	-2	...	...	...
230	155	Chamberlin Hill	155	...	...	5.2	9.8
779½	630½	Charter	742	+2	...	3.8	21.8
360	273	Chemring	299	...	...	3.9	15.8
62	46	Chieftain Gp	58	...	...	7.7	11.4
246	152	Christies Intl	179	+1	...	1.4	31.6
80	60	Clayhithe	64	-3	...	5.1	-
688	403	Cohen (A)	510	+5	3.4	0.8	...
297	232	Community H	237	+5	...	3.9	13.5
255	206	Concentric	210	...	...	3.5	17.4
310	230	Cook (Wm)	274	...	...	3.5	12.9
285	227	Cookson	250	-4	...	3.1	27.6
110	81	Copymore	105	...	...	4.8	14.9
162	146	Crowll Ptr 'A'	148	...	...	4.8	20.0
157	109	Cosalt	130	...	...	6.0	...
285	215	Creighton Ntl	220	...	...	4.4	-
44	31	CrestaCare	34	...	...	2.8	...
2062½	18½	Dana	1912½	+18½	...	...	...
388	305	Danks Bs Sys	344	...	...	0.5	29.3
296	220	David Brown	237	...	...	3.4	16.7
1021	825	De La Rue	966	-1	...	2.6	20.6
52	36½	Dinkie Heel	37	...	...	4.7	9.7
628	460½	Diploma	488	+2½	...	3.2	19.5
97	70	Dobson Park	84	+4	...	5.6	16.6
134	102	Dyson (J&J)	112	...	5.0	5.6	20.6
97	78	-do- 'A'	90	...	...	5.0	-
16	13	EFG	14½	...	0.1	0.9	9.5
442	364	EIS	375	+5	...	4.1	15.1
25	15	Elbief	19	...	...	...	...

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53	41	Elem	42	...	...	...	...
3956½	2200	Electrolux 'B'	3328½	+6½	...	1.6	57.5
91	69	Ellion (B)	85	...	...	1.5	13.0
447½	321	Eng China Cl	393	+8	...	5.2	22.9
146	103	Environed	108	...	...	0.2	...
3662½	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3606½	-53½	...	1.1	31.7
86	56	Eurocopy	57	...	...	3.9	16.8
97	60	Expamet	97	+2	...	3.2	68.7
389	334½	Fairey Group	388	...	...	1.9	20.5
145	109	Fenner	130	+3	...	0.4	...
110	82	Ferraris Group	88	...	...	3.0	13.0
45	40	Fermum	40	...	...	...	...
78	50	Fife Indmar	56	...	...	6.1	8.2
157	113	Fisons	145	+3	...	3.7	...
60	37	Fitzwilton	40	+2	...	11.3	...
298	203	Fogus	298	...	...	2.8	-
51	38	Folkes Group nv	42	+1½	1.5	4.5	...
126	94	French (Thomas)	95	...	...	4.8	18.8
264	220	Frost Group	228	...	...	2.7	24.1
88	77	GEI Int	84	...	...	2.2	23.6
640	510½	GKN	635	+3	...	4.0	38.1
79	49	GR Hldgs	55	...	...	4.1	...
134	91	Garton Eng	107	...	...	8.3	28.9
191	130	Gestetner	145	...	...	2.1	...
66	49	Glews	62	...	...	2.0	39.8
725	520	Glaxo	603	+9	...	5.0	14.3
46	35½	Glencheston	37	...	...	...	...
404	334	Glynwed	385	+3	...	3.8	28.1
209	125	Goode Durrant	198	...	...	3.8	15.5
185	143	Grampian Hd	147	...	...	4.7	56.8
598	487	Granada	537½	+4½	...	2.1	21.2
708	452	Great Shrn	708	+28	...	2.5	23.3
85	77	Green (Ernst)	77	...	...	12.3	13.0
15½	11½	Greenacre	11½	...	...	3.5	16.1
84½	61	Haden MacLn	79	...	...	3.2	20.4
122	90	Hadleigh	113	...	...	2.2	-
76	59	Hallin Hldgs	63	...	...	...	49.2
320	149	Hall Eng	181	+1	...	6.6	10.4
256	204	Halma	224	-1	...	1.3	26.3
71	47	Hampson Ind	66	...	...	3.8	-
302	233½	Hanson	265½	-½	...	5.6	23.8
161	122	Harris (Philip)	157	...	...	5.5	19.4
220	152	Harrisn Crsfld	182	+3	...	6.3	20.2
179	121	Havelock Euro	177	...	...	1.4	21.0
48	30	Hay (Norman)	30	...	...	...	...
50	33	Headway	35	...	...	2.5	...
511	307	Hepworth	340	-5	...	5.5	17.7
205	154	Hewitt (J)	157	...	...	2.6	...
75	52	High-Point	53	...	0.5	1.2	...
184½	148	Hill & Smith	153	...	...	4.7	17.8
191	111	Holdex Tech	118	...	...	6.4	12.8
63	39	Hopkinsons	59	...	...	2.8	...
216	176	Hornby	189	...	...	6.0	17.3
103	78	Howden	97	...	...	3.2	-
286	234	Hozelock	273	+4	...	2.7	19.4
260	190	Hunting	190	...	...	6.6	37.6
513	402	Huntleigh Tec	428	...	...	1.3	24.7
379	288	IMI	332	+1½	...	3.8	28.2
138	110	ISA Intl	122	+6	...	1.7	16.4
165	50	Intercare Gp	51	+1	...	8.6	5.4
325	284	Isoma	280	...	4.4	1.9	16.3
730	409½	Jardine Math	518½	-18½	...	2.8	12.1
628	488	Johnson Matth	592	-5	...	2.4	23.6
51	37	Johnson & FB	40	...	...	1.1	...
289	149	Johnston	289	...	...	0.9	...
32	25	Jones Shipman	26	...	...	...	...
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	28	...	...	4.5	27.8
191½	148½	Kalon	167	+3	...	3.1	16.9
301	230	Kelsey Ind	280	...	...	3.6	...
855	730	Kenshaw (A)	855	...	...	4.0	44.0
276	197	Kleeneze	205	...	...	0.6	45.5
436	341	Laird	425	+2	...	3.1	20.0
170	145	Lilleshall	150	...	...	3.8	16.3
229	205	Lincat	210	...	...	3.7	14.8
400	313	Linton Park	398	...	...	4.7	-
14	6½	Lionheart	7	...	...	5.4	15.9
20½	15	Locker (T) A	15½	...	...	1.6	-
152½	74	Lon Intl	94	+2	...	...	...
175½	124½	Lonrho	136½	-1	...	3.7	37.5
436	364	Low & Bonar	434	...	...	3.0	17.2
49	41	ML Hdgs	44	...	...	2.4	15.3
67	49	MS Intl	49	...	...	6.4	29.6
70	45	MY Holdings	55	...	...	3.4	13.3
271	223	Macfarlane	244	...	...	2.0	22.2
539	431	McKechnie	482	...	...	3.8	23.1

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127	100	McLeod Russel	114	...	...	6.7	17.8
104	70	Magnolia	73	...	...	0.2	...
163	129	Mang Bronze	137	...	...	3.2	15.5
26	18½	Marling	19½	...	...	4.4	33.7
231	167	Mayborn	167	...	...	4.3	11.7
64	53	Mayflower	59	+1	...	2.9	24.0
187	120	Medeva	138	+5½	...	2.4	12.0
120	77½	Meggitt	83	...	...	5.9	12.4
120	101	Metalr	102	+1	...	4.5	16.9
128	99	Metrotect	102	...	...	4.2	-
130	99	Metsec	131	...	...	1.9	18.2
124	83	Midstates	87	+2	...	1.1	12.1
589	548	Molins	567	...	...	3.4	11.4
408	326	Morgan Cble	360	+4	...	4.4	16.1
217	176	Morris Ashby	207	...	...	3.6	-
51	34	Neepsend	37	...	...	4.3	17.0
80	46	Nestor-BNA	46	...	...	8.6	10.3
274	214	Nobo Gp	243	...	...	3.1	-
212½	120	Norcros	127	+2	...	6.6	23.8
35	30	Novo Group	30	...	...	4.6	9.6
64	48	OMI Intl	54½	+½	...	4.0	-
175	160	PCT	165	...	7.2	5.5	-
91	66	Pacer Systems	84	...	...	5.8	27.7
46	31	Pascoe's	40	...	...	...	...
123	84	Pentland	96	+1	...	3.6	20.9
310	220	Photo-Me	235	...	4.7	2.5	14.1
208	162	Pilkington	193	...	...	2.6	...
53	38	Plant & Gen	49	...	1.5	3.8	-
110	82	Plaststbrook	96	+2	...	4.4	11.3
185	129	Polypipe	148	...	...	1.8	19.0
34	16	Porter Chadburn	34	+2	...	...	...
341	218	Powerscreen	291	...	...	3.1	13.0
23½	16½	Prospect Inds	17½	...	...	5.8	9.4
77	56	RPS Group	61	...	...	4.9	12.6
108	82	Radiant Metal	90	...	...	...	...
174	129	Ramco Egy	166	+7	...	0.4	...
447½	355½	Rank Org	413½	-½	...	3.8	26.5
48	13	Ransomes	42	+12	...	...	...
723	551	Reckitt Colm	620	+7	...	3.5	15.5
95	70	Record	89	...	...	5.1	20.0
5½	3½	Reece	3½	...	...	...	...
291	211	Relyon	217	+5	...	3.0	39.6
308	268	Renishaw	282	...	...	2.9	35.5
179½	126	Renold	179½	+2½	...	1.7	-
539½	424	Reuters	492	+3	...	1.7	24.5
90	74	Rexmore	88	+1½	...	3.6	-
194	138	Ricardo Group	152	...	...	4.8	17.8
73	57	Richard (Leics)	57	...	...	4.9	40.8
104½	82½	Richardson West	87	...	...	4.6	17.6
164	118½	Ropner	140	-1	...	6.7	14.1
24	15	Ross Gp	15½	...	...	3.2	...
195	157	Rotork	166	...	...	3.2	17.7
190	137	Rubicon	142	...	...	4.1	-
91	62	Russell (A)	88	...	...	2.5	31.3
42	34½	SEP Indl	40	+½	...	2.8	18.8
1459½	1087½	SKF 'B'	1315½	+50½	...	...	...
272	186	Scapa	216	+4	...	3.4	18.4
210	168	Scholl	169	...	...	4.7	13.7
291	242	Scotia	265	...	...	...	...
1350	1146	Securicor	1340	...	...	0.3	33.2
1036	785	-do- 'A'	880	-1	...	0.4	21.8
892	606	Security Serv	600	...	...	1.1	21.8
150½	89½	Senior Eng	131	...	...	3.3	21.2
335	291	Senn Health	335	...	...	2.4	17.1
180	138	Shiloh	153	...	...	2.9	10.1
358	271	Sidlaw	272	...	...	4.9	13.3
630	517	Siebe	610	-5	...	2.3	19.6
378	194	Silentnight	206	...	...	4.8	11.8
178	137	Sime Darby	178	+3	...	2.7	19.7
130½	75	Simon Eng	114	...	...	...	...
244	186	Sinclair (Wm)	191	-1	...	4.6	15.5
70	35	Six Hundred	70	...	...	2.7	...
199½	136½	Smith & Neph	157½	+2½	...	3.9	17.4
443	357½	Smkline	422	...	...	3.3	16.3
407	322	Smkline Uts	376	-2	...	3.7	14.5
527½	429	Smiths Ind	478	+2	...	3.2	19.2
104	41	Sltn Bus	46	...	...	10.1	4.4
243	155½	Spandex	238	...	...	1.2	22.3
1130	420	Spear (JW)	1130	...	...	2.1	19.2
437	332	Spirax-Sarco	413	...	...	3.0	20.1
81½	46	Spring Ram	46	-2	...	1.4	...
267	197	Staveley	222	...	...	4.8	64.9
243	197	Sterling Ind	236	...	...	3.3	21.2
220	180	Stoer	197	...	...	5.8	17.4
604	440½	Swire Pacfc 'A'	541	-11	...	1.8	-
77	48	Sykes-Pick	75	...	...	4.4	38.3
178	149	Syltone	158	...	...	3.0	-

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455	351	TI	405	+3	...	3.5	22.4
44	31	TLS Range	35	...	...	1.8	38.8
389	330	TT Group	366	...	...	2.3	-
292	192	Talbare	228	...	2.0	1.1	19.0
852½	656	Takeda Chem	797½	-1½	...	0.8	14.6
101	92	Tinsley (E)	92	...	...	7.6	-
220	203	Thona	203	...	...	2.6	17.3
283	213	Tomkins	233½	+8	...	4.0	15.0
124	74½	Trafalgar H	87½	+2	...	1.4	...
105	63	Transfer Tech	71	...	...	5.8	7.6
163	130	Triplex Lloyd	149	+3	...	5.9	-
318	262	UniChem	291	+2	...	2.8	16.3
440	245	Unidare	265	...	...	4.0	14.4
54	33	Unigroup	45	...	...	...	...
1247	958	Unilever	1048	+2	25.0	3.0	15.1
8118½	6496½	Unilever (NV)	7178½	+12½	...	3.0	14.5
18½	12	Utd Inds	13½	...	...	...	...
1093	816	VSEL	893	+17	...	4.7	8.4
31½	14½	Verson	18½	...	...	...	...
204	166	Vickers	185	+5	...	2.0	23.2
327	264	Victaulic	271	+1	...	3.7	14.9
522	451	Vinten	478	+2	...	2.0	15.6
805	661	Vosper Thorny	740	...	...	3.0	16.0
65	37	WSP Hldgs	61	...	...	3.7	44.9
527	451	Wagon Ind	526	...	...	4.3	-
203	60	Wakebourne	84	...	...	...	...
114	97	Walker Greenbk	102	...	3.3	4.0	-
314½	249½	Wassall	300	+3	...	1.4	26.7
59	44	Wirford Wdgwd	57	+1	...	...	44.4
365	254	Weir	312	+2	...	2.6	18.1
704	498	Wellcome	676	+17	...	3.2	14.3
220	203	Wellington Hdg	204	...	...	3.2	19.7
40½	22	Wellman	37½	...	...	3.0	61.2
400	294	West Hithcare	327	-1	...	1.4	21.0
548	455	Whatman	480	...	...	2.7	17.0
264	108	Whessoe	124	+3	...	8.3	9.5
134	93	Whitecroft	119	...	...	2.1	18.8
13½	10	Widney	10½	...	...	...	...
414½	329	Williams Hldg	367	-5	...	4.3	19.8
54	39½	Wilshaw	52	...	...	1.5	21.2
975	705	Wolseley	852	-3	...	2.1	20.7
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	...	2.4	31.7
55	40	Wyko	52	...	...	1.2	...
96	70	Young (H)	71	...	...	5.8	75.9

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1493½	937½	Alex & Alex	1287½	-12½	...	5.2	...
2043½	1603½	Am Gen	1837½	...	...	4.1	...
86	50½	Archer	53	-1	...	2.4	...
165	89	Bradstock	98	+1	...	7.2	11.1
550	370	Britannic	421	...	...	3.7	...
117	90	CLM Insce	91	+1	1.4	2.0	...
711	488	Com Union	550	+11	...	5.6	15.6
1950	1675	Dom & Gen	1755	-30	...	1.7	23.2
64	33	FAI	40	+1	...	1.2	...
194	144	Fenchurch Grp	155	...	...	5.8	13.8
757	530	Gen Accident	594	-10	...	5.8	12.0
247	161	GRE	185	-2	...	5.1	2.5
457	288	Heath C E	304	-1	...	6.4	...
323	239	Independent Ins	239	-3	...	4.5	6.6
203	128½	JIB Group	147	+1	...	4.4	13.4
547	407	Legal & Gen	466	...	...	5.4	15.6
1390½	975	Liberty Life	1300	+15	...	...	4.9
119	93	LIMIT	97	...	...	1.3	-
471	322	Lloyds Abbey	371	+6	...	4.5	11.0
310	166	Lloyd Thomp	171	...	7.1	5.2	10.6
168	159	Lombard Ins	166	...	...	5.7	9.7
443	313	Londn & Man	328	...	...	6.0	16.3
472	380	Lowndes Lmb	383	...	...	4.9	12.1
5893½	5337½	Marsh McLn	5562½	-12½	...	3.5	...
188	147	Nelson Hurst	156	...	...	4.5	15.6
129½	109	Orion	116	...	...	5.4	-
83	38	PWS	38	...	...	9.9	...
385	271	Prudential	315	+3	...	5.2	15.0
404	261	Refuge	280	+2	...	5.1	20.6
350	232½	Royal	256	+3	...	3.7	11.6
222	157	Sedgwick	172	+1	...	4.4	19.4
155	105	Steel Burrill	117	...	...	9½	...
87	54	Sturge Hldgs	60	...	...	6.2	72.2
418	285	Sun Alliance	322	-4	...	5.1	14.7
96	51	Trade Indemnty	59	...	...	1.1	13.1
464	343	Transatlantic	357	...	...	4.2	32.3

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
673	468	Utd Friendly	535	...	...	3.9	27.5
345	133	Willis Corroon	146	...	...	5.7	12.9
28	20½	Windsor	21	...	...	...	16.5

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2058	1703	Alliance	1890	+10	...	3.1	...
479	401	Anglo & O'seas	436	+1	...	2.0	...
161	123	BZW Conv	144½	...	7.8	6.7	...
219	173	Bankers	192	-1	...	2.4	...
381	311	Baring Tribute	338	...	...	2.4	...
248	198	Berry Starq	230	...	2.2	1.2	-
120½	91½	Br Assets	99	-½	...	5.4	...
98	89	Br Empire Sec	95½	...	...	1.2	...
46	31	-do- Wnts	40	+½	...	...	...
234	188	Br Inv	213	...	...	2.8	...
272	221	Brunner	242	+2	...	2.8	...
223	194	Contl Asset	207	+1	...	1.8	...
170	147	Derby Inc	170	...	...	12.1	...
328	268	-do- Cap	313	+3	...	...	...
100	75	Drayton Blue	81	...	...	13.0	...
111	84	-do- Eng Intl	99	-2	...	1.0	...
156	128	-do- Far East	150	...	...	0.6	...
784	613	Dunedin Inc G	673	-1	...	4.8	...
108	85	-do- Japan	100	...	...	...	...
80	45	-do- Warrants	59	...	...	...	...
341	292	Dunedin Smlr	312	...	...	3.6	...
822	725	-do- Wwde	793	-1	...	1.5	...
360	281	Edinburgh	314½	-1	...	3.5	...
354	296	Electra Inv	325	+1	...	2.7	...
220	185	Electric Gen	201	+1	...	2.0	-
127	106	English Scot	116	...	...	...	...
345	286	European Asset	316	+1	...	1.9	...
172	146	Finsbury 'A'	149	...	3.0	2.5	...
343	276½	Fleming Amer	303	-1½	...	0.4	...
145	75½	Fleming Chinese	92	-3	...	...	...
92	42	-do- Warrants	54	-3	...	...	...
267	196	-do- Claver	216	+1	...	3.2	...
385	305	-do- Contl	347	+3	...	0.8	...
264	190	-do- Emp	210	+1	...	2.9	...
459	327	-do- F East	362	-2	1.5	0.5	...
422	359½	-do- Fledg	373	...	...	1.0	...
130	89	-do- Hi Inc	100	...	...	5.5	...
281½	223	-do- Japan	277	...	...	0.2	...
347	259½	-do- Merc	294½	-½	...	2.8	...
347½	280½	-do- Oseas	301	+1	4.2	1.7	...
155½	126½	Foreign & Col	141½	...	...	1.6	...
148	106½	-do- Emg Mkts	126	...	0.2	0.3	...
77	64½	-do- Enterprise	67½	...	...	1.1	...
261	216	-do- Eurotst	243	+3	...	0.6	...
145	116	-do- German	135	...	...	0.5	...
374	307	-do- Pacific	339	-2	...	0.8	...
192	159½	-do- Smaller	178	+2	...	1.4	-
303	247	GT Japan	277	-2	...	0.6	...
200	150	Genl Cons Cap	181	+2	...	...	...
115	105	-do- Inc	115	...	...	9.6	...
191	139	Govett Am Smlr	148	...	...	...	...
151	101	-do- Emg Mkts	124	...	...	0.3	-
96½	80	-do- Global Smlr	81½	...	...	...	...
112	83	-do- High Inc	92	...	...	7.0	...
429	349	-do- Oriental	394	-2	...	0.3	...
346	299	Govett Strategic	263	...	...	3.2	...
475	410	Greenfriar	417	+2	...	2.0	...
19	19	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
105	86	Herald	99	+2	...	...	...
99	92	Int Biotech	96	...	...	...	...
50	30	-do- Warrants	45	...	...	...	...
158	122	Inv Cap	137	+1	...	4.7	...
119	94	IAS UK Smllr	111	-2	...	3.2	...
177	126	INVESCO Korea	144	...	...	...	...
243	196½	Kleinwort Chrt	217	...	...	3.0	...
88½	75½	-do- Euro Prvt	79½	+1	...	...	...
49	23½	-do- Euro Wrts	29½	...	...	...	...
272½	232½	-do- O'seas	247	...	...	1.7	...
165	134	-do- Smlr	136	+½	...	3.2	...
826	672	Law Debenture	744	+3	...	3.3	...
227	190	Majedie	210	...	...	3.0	...
324	237	Merchants	273	...	...	5.1	...
89	79½	Mercury Euro Pv	89	+2	...	...	...
45	28½	-do- Warrants	30½	+1	...	...	...
125	98	-do- World Mng	114	+1	...	...	...
52½	35	-do- World Wts	39	-2	...	...	...
2987½	2250	Merrill Lynch	2400	+12½	...	...	...
595	492	Monks Inv Tst	549	-1	...	1.6	...
158	127	Morg Gren Inc	135	+1	...	4.2	...

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
64	43	-do- Warrants	51	...	...	...	...
96	87	-do- Latin Amer	92½	...	...	...	...
50	39	-do- Warrants	43	...	...	...	...
148	114	Murray Ent	123	-1	...	2.0	...
58	34	-do- Warrants	37	...	...	...	...
68	54	Murray Euro	60	...	...	0.6	...
23½	16	-do- Wts	16½	...	...	...	...
393	317	Murray Incme	352½	-½	11.3	4.0	...
395	319	-do- Intl	354	+½	...	4.1	...
548	424	-do- Small	474	+8	...	1.2	-
97	82	-do- EAC Inc	91	...	...	15.0	...
174	135	-do- SfC Cap	148	...	...	...	...
3400	2975	-do- SfC Uts	3150	...	...	4.2	...
161	153	-do- SfC DP	161	...	...	...	...
363	324	-do- Vern	329	...	...	4.2	...
95	61	Nwthrog Inc	63	...	...	9.4	...
404	333	O'seas Inv Tst	373	+1	...	1.1	...
241	170	-do- Warrants	203	...	...	...	...
640½	433	Pacific Assets	509	+2	...	0.3	...
542	336	-do- Warrants	414	+1	...	...	...
9400	7900	Personal Assets	8050	...	195	3.1	-
189	164½	RIT Cap Ptnr	181	-1	...	1.0	...
127	114	River & Merc	116	...	...	10.1	...
449	413	Robeco	434	...	...	2.0	...
463	415	Rolinco	441	...	...	1.8	...
343	290	St Andrew Inv	317	+1	...	3.1	...
183	150½	Scot American	167½	...	...	3.6	...
368	238	Scot Asian	273	-1	...	...	...
1070	663	-do- Warrants	718	+5	...	...	...
97½	77	-do- Eastern	86½	+½	...	2.3	...
252½	209½	Scottish	231	...	...	2.7	-
264½	205	-do- Mtge	233	...	...	2.2	...
133½	111½	-do- Value	119	...	...	2.0	...
1795	1520	Second Allnce	1658	+4	...	3.0	...
106	77½	Secs Tst of Scot	89	...	...	4.6	...
179	148	Selective Asset	159	+1	...	1.1	...
51½	41	Sphere Inv	46	...	...	9.2	...
205	149	TR Far East	166	...	...	3.9	...
177½	133½	TR City Of Lon	150½	...	...	4.0	...
124½	86	TR Pacific	109	...	...	0.2	...
43½	34½	TR Property	36½	...	...	3.1	...
152	113	TR Tech Inv	129	+1	...	1.7	...
226	182	TR Smlr Cos	203	+1	...	2.4	-
412	310	Temple Bar	357	...	...	4.8	...
136	102	Thmtn Asian E	110½	-½	...	0.6	...
101	72½	Throgmorton	80	...	...	3.6	...
568	468	Throg Dual Cp	563	...	...	...	...
269	233	USDC Invest	254	...	...	2.2	...
129	109½	Value Inc Tst	120½	+1	...	4.1	...
257½	205	Witan	232	+1	...	3.2	...

LEISURE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
578½	417	Airtours	459	-10	...	2.5	15.9
46½	19	Ald Leis	34	...	...	15.6	7.8
177	155	Alpha Airpts	169	...	...	3.0	-
131	85	Baldwin	106	+1	...	4.1	13.9
333	267	Barr & W 'A'	287	...	...	4.4	12.7
335	231	Boosey Hwks	335	...	...	1.9	20.2
205	133	Border TV	188	-4	...	2.7	-
7½	3½	Brent Walker	4	...	...	...	...
148	100	Bristol Scots	120	...	...	...	...
7½	2½	Buckingham Int	2½	+½	...	...	...
74	41	Campari	44	+1	...	...	...
439	328	Capital Radio	372	...	...	2.1	32.8
1047	520	Carlton Comm	899	+1	...	2.7	19.8
356	248	Castle Comm	353	...	...	3.2	22.3
175	114	Chrysalis	173	...	3.2	2.3	...
374	305	Compass Gp	332	+3	...	2.6	19.5
290	232	Eurocamp	266	...	9.9	4.7	11.0
213	118	Euro Disney	120	-1	...	...	...
4	2½	Euro Leisure	3½	...	...	...	...
435	308	Fairline Boats	398	...	...	3.7	27.7
350	262	First Leisure	289	+2	...	2.9	19.1
478	309	Flextech	414	-1	...	...	...
1033	675	GWR Gp	918	...	...	1.4	33.2
303	228	Grampian	285	...	...	3.3	15.2
22	15	Greenwich Comm	16	...	...	...	...
162	106	HTV Group	162	+1	...	0.8	44.7
96	62	Hi-Tec Sports	75	...	...	4.6	11.0
18½	11½	Ranick	13½	...	...	...	...
702	539	Man Utd	655	+9	...	3.8	26.4
15	13½	My Kinda Town	13½	...	...	...	...
57	34	Nomhern	52	...	...	2.4	10.0
130	81	Owners Abrd	100	-1	...	4.4	...
92½	65½	The Pelican Gp	90	+1	...	1.5	-
183	147	Prism Leisure	147	...	...	3.6	-
43	29	Quadrant Grp	29	...	...	...	...
275	205	Ramsdens (H)	275	...	...	2.0	39.6
628	395	Scot Radio	595	+7	...	2.2	23.2
574	355	Scot TV	411	-1	...	3.8	-
40½	24	SelecTV	26	...	...	...	...
350	296½	Stanley Leisure	332	...	...	2.0	-
153	125	Sunset & Vine	139	...	3.5	3.4	19.7
345½	280	Tanjong	280	...	...	1.1	-
2½	1½	Ticketing	1½	...	...	...	14.7
104	75	Tottenhm Hot	104	+5	...	2.4	39.8
182	85	Trans World	179	+1	1.3	0.9	65.3
760	518	Ulster TV	589	...	...	3.2	22.1
150	129	VCI	144	...	...	4.8	12.9
149	112	Vardon	122	+2	...	1.2	21.6
375	150	Yorkshire TV	305	+9	...	...	...
129	110	Zeners Gp	129	...	...	8.5	-

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3675	2509½	Ang Am	3587½	-15½	...	2.0	33.9
2687½	1762½	Ang Am Coal	2687½	...	...	3.4	14.6
6518½	4593½	Ang Am Gold	6381½	+46½	...	3.8	18.9
36	27	Anglo Pac Res	29	...	...	...	...
1512½	1262½	Ashanti	1300	...	...	...	...
404	275	Bakyrchik	300	...	...	...	...
184	90½	Blyvoors	142½	+1½	...	...	...
37	22½	Bracken	22½	...	...	3.9	63.6
898	580½	Buffels	641½	...	...	8.5	-
6	2½	Butte	2½	...	...	...	...
931½	745½	CRA	800½	-4½	...	2.4	27.8
55½	36	Cluff Res	47½	...	...	...	...
100	28½	Coal Inv	100	+1	...	...	...
1750	1616	De Beers	1668½	+65½	...	3.3	17.7
148	88	Deelkraal	97½	-3½	...	3.7	-
74	30½	Doornfontein	65	-3½	...	...	...
967	665½	Driefontein	949½	-12½	...	4.5	-
928	549½	Durban	779½	-½	...	...	...
178½	107	E Rand Gold	148	-26	...	12.1	5.5
122½	59½	E Rand Prop	73	...	...	...	...
449	300½	Elandsrand	422	...	...	3.8	9.7
1239	741½	FS Cons	901	-12½	...	7.7	9.2
62	27	FS Dev	52	...	...	...	...
1900	1193½	GFSA	1812½	+37½	...	2.2	30.5
178½	108½	Gencor	165½	+3½	...	3.7	27.3
80½	53½	GM Kalgoorli	57	-½	...	2.5	21.1
22	14	Greenwich R 'A'	19½	-½	...	...	...
202	105½	Grootvlei	149½	-13	...	6.0	-
416	319½	Harmony	357½	+6½	...	...	...
430	268½	Harties	318½	...	...	9.0	-
1446½	831½	Impala Plat	1437½	-9½	...	1.7	52.2
16½	9½	Kenmare Res	11½	...	...	...	...
1315½	800½	Kinross	990½	...	...	4.9	-
898½	568½	Kloof	834	-6½	...	3.9	-
137	69½	Leslie	94½	-3½	...	6.5	-
333	176½	Loraine	253½	-13	...	...	...
1137½	887½	Lydenburg	1137½	...	...	1.9	...
162	118	MIM	142½	-½	...	1.7	60.0
1581	1227	Minorco	1562½	+18½	...	2.4	18.7
201½	146½	Nth Brkn Hill	171½	+1	...	3.0	25.3
899	790	RTZ	883	-5	...	2.9	29.2
350	187½	Rand Mines	350	...	...	3.0	13.3
801½	547½	Randfontein	690	-8½	...	4.7	-
295	207	Renison	214	-6	...	...	...
1531½	1078½	Rustnbrg	1437½	-25	...	2.1	-
756	539½	St Helena	641½	-4½	...	4.1	-
2887½	1484½	Southvaal	1859½	-15½	...	4.7	21.5
135½	73	Stilfontein	118½	...	...	2.5	-
160	90	Unisel	135	-3½	...	3.3	-
7600	4943½	Vaal Reefs	5715½	+61½	...	4.5	9.3
934½	506½	Western Areas	901	...	...	7.9	-
3362½	2050	Western Deep	2743½	-9½	...	3.8	9.5
407½	307½	Wstrn Mining	349½	-1½	...	1.5	...
1225	603½	Winkels	690½	-15½	...	5.2	-
66	50	Zambia Copper	57	...	...	...	...
68	46	Zandpan	53	...	...	9.5	-

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
283	233	Abbey Panels	283	...	...	...	...
115	108	Airflow Stream	110	...	3.0	3.4	16.5
175	131	Appleyard	131	-1	...	5.2	23.1
405	315	Bletchley Mtr	315	...	...	3.9	12.7
243	180	Bostrom	231	...	...	3.2	21.8
584	390	Br Aerospace	514	+3	...	2.0	45.1
57	44	Burndene	44	...	...	5.7	12.9
465	280	Caffyns	315	...	...	4.6	21.2
22	13½	Caverdale	19	...	...	1.0	19.1
130	99	Central Mtr	99	...	...	4.4	24.4
51	32½	Cook (DC)	46	...	...	2.8	-
348	249	Cowie	259	+3	...	4.0	14.2
192½	127	Dag Motors	155	...	...	5.0	17.8
158	113	Davnpt Vern	156	...	...	2.6	15.5
332	275	ERF	293	+1	...	0.9	...
173	118	European Mtr	133	...	...	4.0	13.0
539½	399	Evans Halshaw	443	...	...	3.7	18.7
310	235	FR Group	295	+6	...	3.2	16.1
2359½	1806½	Ford Motor	2050	-25	...	...	...
4387½	3175	General Mtr	3450	+12½	...	1.5	...
90	60	Gowrings	75	...	...	3.3	...
342½	266½	Henlys	290	+6	...	3.2	20.0
1239	918½	Honda Motor	1118½	-7½	...	0.4	...
58	35	Jacks (Wm)	56	...	...	...	19.4
184	156½	Kwik-Fit	159	...	...	3.0	18.2
573	416½	Lex Service	422	...	...	4.0	15.9
282	162	Lookers	240	...	...	3.6	15.0
239	158	Lucas	204	+1	...	4.3	...
39½	25	Malaya Grp	25½	...	...	...	...
310	261	Pendragon	261	-1	...	3.4	18.6
238	175	Perry Gp	202	...	...	4.3	11.1
218	156	Quicks Group	177	...	...	3.5	18.6
204	161	Rolls-Royce	198	+½	...	3.2	34.9
261	203	T & N	260	...	...	5.2	29.7
312	263	Trinity Hldgs	305	...	...	2.5	22.1
221	163	Vardy (Reg)	193	...	...	3.0	-

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
355	198	Adscene	270	+15	5.7	2.6	27.6
335	320	Black (A&C)	335	...	...	5.2	13.8
402	228	Blenheim Gp	249	-1	...	5.1	9.3
413	365	Bristol	373	...	...	4.1	25.8
1650	1100	Daily Mail	1365½	...	...	1.4	32.0
1484½	868½	Daily Mail 'A'	1034½	+9½	...	1.8	24.2
305	260	Dorling Kind	305	+1	...	1.4	27.6
6712½	5381½	Elsevier	6012½	-15½	...	3.2	19.8
476	366½	EMAP	417	+2	...	2.6	25.5
1975	1450	Euromoney Pb	1830	-10	...	2.8	32.2
194	42	Harrington K	45	...	...	13.6	2.9
515	328	Haynes Pub	440	...	...	2.0	24.8
408	340	Hodder H'line	353	...	...	1.8	57.5
180	120	Home Counts	147	...	...	3.8	36.0
218	161	Intl Bus Comm	213	-2	...	1.2	14.0
15	8	Int Cm & Dam	8½	...	...	...	...
340	273½	Independent	308	...	...	3.1	10.5
669	551	Johnstne Press	582	...	7.0	1.5	21.4
110	43	MAID	81	+1	...	...	...
460	338	Metal Bulletn	460	...	...	2.7	26.7
177½	152	Midland Ind	159½	-½	...	2.2	21.8
203	123	Mirror Gp	138	...	...	...	5.4
514½	382½	News Corp	421½	-2½	...	0.3	...
314	224	News Intl	242	...	...	0.7	14.9
735	570	Pearson	644	-14	...	2.5	23.0
760	670	Portsmth Sund	688	...	...	1.9	-
964	734	Reed Int	798	-5	...	2.9	34.1
249	187	Southnews	221	-1	...	1.7	29.0
200	145	Sterling Pub	147	...	...	3.1	12.3
622	323	Telegraph	368	+1	...	4.4	13.4
885	695	Thomson Corp	715	...	30.1	5.3	35.4
472	394	Trinity Intl	400	+1	...	3.0	19.8
45	18½	Unit Group	38	...	...	...	...
731	479	Utd Nwspaprs	539	...	...	5.1	14.8

OILS, GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
35½	24½	Aran Energy	35½	...	...	...	21.5
53	35	Arcon Intl	47	...	...	...	...
74½	59	Aus Oil & Gas	70½	-½	...	...	...
67	45	Aviva Pet	45	...	...	...	...
9	6	Beverley	6½	...	...	...	64.6
249	197	Br Borneo	237	-12	...	3.7	12.3
358	253	British Gas	280½	+1	...	6.5	...
430	340	Br Petroleum	410½	-8	...	2.8	41.4
3½	1½	Bula Resources	3	...	...	...	...
895	811	Burmah Castrl	878	+10	...	3.9	18.5
81	56	Cairn Energy	81	...	...	...	44.6
375	261	Calor Gp	291	+1	...	5.4	14.9
51	33	Clyde Pet	44½	...	...	...	...
30	14½	Coplex Res	18	...	...	...	...
27½	17	Eam Oil & Gas	21	...	...	...	39.0
486	379	Enterprise	436	-1	...	4.6	21.1
26½	21	Fairhaven Intl	22½	...	...	5.4	0.3
8½	4½	Fortune	6½	...	...	...	...
77	54	Goal Pet	74	-½	...	2.4	19.5
42	31	Gt Western Res	42	+1	...	...	...
177	142	Hardy O & G	146	+3	...	0.9	18.7
55	40	Kelt Energy	47	...	...	3.5	...
169	110½	LASMO	156	...	...	0.8	...
73	53	-do- Units	59	...	9.4	20.0	...
9½	2	Mid Sea Res	2½	...	...	...	...
75	55	Monument	70½	...	...	...	57.5
7½	4½	New London	4½	-½	...	...	...

OILS (continued)

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
50	36	Oil Search	43	-1	...	...	...
50½	17½	Petroz	39½	-½	...	...	...
168	153	Pict Pet	163	...	...	...	...
110	100	Pinencrieff Rs	110	...	...	...	...
37½	21½	Premier	29	...	...	...	15.7
158	118	Presidio	128	...	...	5.2	...
463	325	Ranger	435	...	...	3.7	...
7700	6681½	Royal Dtch Fl	7303½	-53½	...	4.5	19.3
4084½	3481½	Schlumberger	3937½	+25	...	2.0	...
58	50	Scaltleld	52	...	...	...	...
755	661	Shell	740	-6	...	4.1	22.4
187	129	Sunrise Eng Sv	129	...	...	...	...
19	9½	Villers Grp	11	...	...	...	...
231	178½	Woodside	221½	-1½	...	1.7	...
110	28	XCL	83	-2	...	...	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	145	AG Holdings	146	...	...	4.5	13.2
444	384	API	384	...	...	2.8	24.1
316	237	Arjo Wiggins	290½	-3½	...	2.8	44.6
730	540	Abbott Mead	682	...	...	1.9	36.3
28½	17½	Aegis Gp	27	...	...	...	...
205	145	Aspen Comms	170	...	4.9	3.6	-
26	18	BBB Design	18	...	...	...	...
472	413	Bemrose	418	-2	...	3.5	15.0
13½	7½	Birkdale	8	...	...	...	...
186	139	Bunzl	160	-1	...	3.2	21.5
169	117½	CIA Gp	147	...	...	1.5	23.8
179	129	Capital Inds	157	...	...	...	12.4
36	33½	Chime Comm	33½	...	...	...	...
99	76	City of Lon	95	...	...	5.8	14.5
439	304	Cropper (James)	309	-3	...	1.4	15.5
114	80	Delyn Group	80	...	...	2.6	14.5
137	104	Dolphin Pack	124	...	...	4.5	15.9
83	72	Dudley Jenkins	72	...	...	5.8	15.4
15½	12½	Elswick	13	...	...	3.2	14.3
101	75	Fairway Group	86	-1	...	4.9	17.3
430	360	Ferguson Intl	360	...	...	4.3	15.3
145	128	Ferry Pick	128	...	...	5.5	...
227	188	Filofax	202	...	...	1.1	19.9
17½	8	Fitch	10	+½	...	...	...
149	132	Gibbon Lyons	134	...	...	5.3	-
275	171	Gold Greenlees	178	-2	...	3.8	-
34	23	Goodhead	27	...	...	0.2	-
30	15	Hunterprint	19	...	...	...	...
162	128	Inreeurope	129	...	...	7.6	11.7
281½	248	Jarvis Porter	264	...	...	2.5	19.0
33½	22	Lopex	24	...	...	1.1	32.8
431	344	More O'Ferrall	349	...	...	4.7	20.2
395	230	Osborne & Little	394	...	...	2.1	14.3
60	32	Osprey Comms	42	+3	...	0.2	...
820	513	Portals	682	...	...	2.9	19.9
3	1½	Premier Hlth	2½	...	...	...	...
339	283	Quarto	283	-1	...	2.7	15.4
412	322	St Ives Gp	380	+5	...	2.0	25.3
159	127	Saatchi	150	+9½	...	...	32.1
792½	464½	Sappi	787½	-½	...	13.2	4.7
30½	18	Serif	25½	...	...	...	...
57	20½	Shandwick	46½	...	...	1.2	...
573	398	Smith David	548	+5	...	2.5	-
401	286	Smurfit (Jeff)	396	+22	...	1.3	56.4
119	97	Somic	97	-2	...	3.2	-
254	210	Sun-Plus	218	...	...	5.0	20.7
34	25½	Taylor Nelson	34	+1	...	1.7	28.4
161	118½	VTR	136	...	...	3.7	21.6
36½	25	WMGO	25	...	...	2.5	-
129	89	WPP	111	...	...	1.1	15.9
364	182	Wace	233	+2	...	1.9	22.7
291	209	Waddington (J)	209	...	...	5.1	10.2
511	403	Watmough	428	-2	...	1.9	27.1
44	39	Whitney Mck	39	...	...	...	...
132	98	Wyndeham	127	...	...	2.2	18.4

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	99	Allied Lon	103	...	...	4.4	13.9
48	36	Arcadian	36	...	...	...	...
267	253	Argent	264	...	...	...	...
10½	4	Ascot Hldgs	4½	...	...	...	...
144	109	Asda	118	+3	...	2.3	21.0
191	113	Avonside	126	...	...	4.2	14.8
2575	2096½	BCE	2140½	...	...	...	...
382½	260	Billton	262	...	...	4.6	19.1
108	72	Bourne End	93	...	...	1.3	...
226	200	Bradford	233	-1	...	3.5	16.4
22½	10	Bredero	10	...	...	...	7.3
474	360	Br Land	427	-5	...	2.2	41.3
137	123	Brightstone	123	...	...	3.8	27.9
276	179	Brixton	212	+2	...	4.7	18.5
118	90½	Burford	106	...	...	1.7	34.2
207½	125½	Cap & Regnl	156	-2	...	1.2	61.5
237	191	Cap Shop Ctrs	227	...	...	...	...
325	230	Cardiff Prop	318	...	...	1.0	...
185	152	Chelsfield	175	...	...	1.7	43.2
678	534	Chesterfield	534	...	...	2.8	24.0
84	36	City Site Ests	72	...	...	...	...
12½	8	Clarke Nickolls	9	...	...	...	18.8
350	285	Compco	310	...	...	5.5	-
56	32	Conrad Rbfat GS	38	+1	...	...	...
1755	1458	Daejan	1535	...	...	2.4	19.7
25½	5	Dares Estates	10½	...	...	...	...
156	103	Debenham Twsn	117	...	...	3.7	-
17	6	De Morgan	6	...	...	...	...
189	161	Dencora	169	...	...	2.4	47.5
347½	263	Derwent Hldgs	268	-1	...	2.1	23.9
41	24	Development Sec	24½	+½	...	...	...
51	45	Dwyer	45	...	...	...	...
460	275	Estates Agency	425	...	...	3.1	51.4
47	18	Estates Gen	28	...	...	...	...
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	114	...	...	2.8	19.9
43½	27	Ex-Lands	32½	...	...	1.3	...
80	68	Fiscal Prop	69	...	...	...	...
37	24	Five Oaks	26½	...	...	0.9	...
97	64	Fletcher King	64	...	...	2.9	-
536	407	Frogmore	447	...	...	4.6	19.7
325	229	Grainger	280	...	...	2.4	50.0
260	174	Gr Portland	202	-3	...	5.0	38.5
22½	12½	Greycoat	15½	...	...	...	...
269	149	HK Land	176	-2½	...	0.5	-
94	43	Hambro Cntyw	48	+1	...	2.0	48.8
435	329	Hammerson	351	-2	...	3.6	35.2
390	298	Helical Bar	368	...	...	2.0	14.7
40½	29½	Hemingway	30	...	...	1.7	...
78	37	Herring Baker	38	...	...	4.9	...
315	138	Jermyn	175	...	...	...	34.1
792	588	Land Sec	670	-3	...	4.5	19.0
122	89	Lon Merch Sec	96	...	...	5.5	14.1
16	9	Lon & Metro	10	...	...	...	0.5
562	409	MEPC	472	-2	...	5.3	27.1
13½	6½	McInerney A	7	...	...	...	...
190	164	McKay Secs	190	...	...	3.5	-
81	59	Merivale Mre	75	...	...	...	...
55	28	Moorfield Est	35	-1	...	4.6	...
1425	1200	Mountview	1209½	...	...	2.3	12.0
196	154	Mucklow (A&J)	161	-2	...	4.5	27.4
59	32	OEM	33	...	...	...	...
64	37	Olives Prop	40	...	...	...	14.4
2½	1	ORB	1½	...	...	...	...
191	145	PSIT	159	...	...	3.6	-
399	265	Peel	265	-1	...	2.1	-
12½	4½	Power Corp	5	...	...	...	...
54	33	Raglan	37	+1	...	...	12.6
40	27	Regalian	29½	+½	...	...	11.2
193	140	Rowlinson Secs	175	...	...	1.5	11.1
134	115	Rugby Est	115	...	...	2.4	...
64	45	St Modwen Prp	50	...	...	3.0	22.9
78	59	Saville Grdn (J)	65	...	...	5.3	-
100	79	Savills	81	+2	...	3.5	-
105	82	Scot Met	86	...	...	2.3	...
135	108	Shaftesbury	108	...	...	...	...
17½	9	Shield	6	...	...	...	4.2
307	221	Slough Estates	259	+1	...	3.9	42.5
103	63	Southend Prop	67	-1	...	4.5	-
50	23	Stanhope Prps	26	...	...	...	...
39	34	TBI	39	-½	...	...	...
244	182	Tops Ests	192	...	...	1.4	45.5
165	119	Town Centre	119	...	...	3.7	21.3
107	91	Trafford Park	93	...	...	3.9	21.4
59	28	UK Land	41	...	...	...	...
317	231	Warner	342	...	...	5.9	22.9
260	218	Warnford	231	...	...	4.3	18.7
2½	1½	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
103½	67	Wates	75	...	...	...	...
105	70	Wood John Da	80	...	...	3.1	-

SHOES, LEATHER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
45	31	Automagic	41	...	...	...	...
202½	148	Lambert	148	...	...	6.3	6.5
75	53	Pinards	66	...	...	1.9	...
30	19	Strong & Fisher	19	...	...	6.6	13.0
250	227	Stylo	237	...	...	2.1	22.4
69	50½	UK Safety	52	...	...	6.2	10.9

TEXTILES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
617	496	Allied Text	496	-4	...	3.3	15.1
71	56	Beckman (A)	58	...	...	7.7	12.4
39½	16	Bolton Gp	18	...	...	...	...
17½	9½	Brackenbridge	9½	-½	...	...	...
226	171	Br Mohair	182	...	...	5.8	24.7
385	292	Claremont Ga	310	...	...	3.3	16.4
593	451	Courtauld Text	482	-1	...	3.7	19.1
159½	119	Dawson	151	...	...	2.5	...
42	31	Drummond	32	...	...	...	14.2
80	72	Faupel	74	...	...	8.3	12.5
29	24	Foster (John)	27	...	...	...	...
168	113	Gaskell	140	...	...	3.8	...
33	25½	Helene Plc	27½	...	...	9.1	11.3
249	222	Hicking Pntcst	246	+4	...	2.3	17.1
73	55	Jerome (S)	62	...	...	1.0	31.4
485	388	Lamont	393	...	...	4.0	15.0
340	265	Leeds	265	...	...	2.6	13.5
101	68	Lyles (S)	78	+2	...	4.4	...
266	190	Parkland	195	+3	...	3.2	11.6
112	80	Readicut	84½	-½	...	5.1	14.5
70	47	SEET	48	...	...	...	...
146	100	Stirdar	100	...	...	6.8	6.9
64	50	Stirling Gp	60	...	...	4.0	-
46	34	Stoddard	36	+1	...	5.6	13.6
330	260	Tomkinsons	260	...	...	5.5	24.5
49	34	West Trust	36	...	...	9.3	23.6
280	239	Yorklyde	262	+1	...	2.9	12.7

TOBACCOS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	372	BAT	460	...	...	5.7	11.8
489	337	Rothmans	375	-1	...	4.4	20.0

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
313½	228	Assoc Br Ports	264	+6	...	2.2	25.2
1083	880	BAA	972	-9	...	2.2	20.7
128	107½	Badgerline	114	...	...	4.5	...
496½	367	Br Airways	430	+9	...	3.2	13.5
108	75	Clarkson (H)	81	...	...	2.7	20.3
992½	259	Eurotunnel Uts	328	...	...	...	...
87	55	Fisher (James)	55	...	...	...	...
155	126½	IoM Steam	145	...	...	3.8	11.1
63	39	Jacobs (J)	48	...	...	4.3	...
111	92	Lon O'Seas Frts	92	...	...	0.5	7.7
534	380	Mersey Docks	458	-2	...	2.5	23.1
338	245	Nall Express	327	...	...	2.9	20.3
291	179	NFC	199	+1	...	4.4	30.6
348	246	Ocean Group	270	+6	...	6.6	13.3
91	59	Ocean Wilson	70	...	...	5.7	9.0
743	597	P & O Dfd	685	+6	...	5.6	24.4
188	153	P & O 5 1/2%	188	+3	...	3.7	...
705	549	Powell Duffryn	598	-1	...	4.9	18.0
102	84	Seacon	86	...	...	3.4	19.3
206	158	Stagecoach	190	+1	...	2.7	-
128½	85½	TNT	125	-½	...	...	...
915	803	Tibbet & Britn	860	-2	14.2	2.1	23.2
73	32	Tiphook	34	-4	...	...	...
327	217	TDG	232	...	...	5.1	15.6
132	98	Ugland	121	...	...	0.8	-
160	95	Utd Carriers	99	...	...	...	...

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian Water	538	...	...	5.3	14.0
365	293	Mid Kent Hdgs	295	...	...	4.9	20.0
751	509	Northumbrian	622	-1	...	4.9	6.7
611	454	North West	544½	-2½	...	5.3	8.1
645	457	Severn Trent	556	+4	...	5.1	7.8
662	466	Sthrn Water	569	-4	...	5.1	6.3
1628	1525	Sth Staffs	1625	...	...	4.0	10.8
675	494	South West	512	-1	...	6.2	7.5
611	434½	Thames Water	512	...	...	5.5	5.9
744	546	Welsh Water	622	-5	...	5.1	6.9
739½	551	Wessex Water	619	-7	...	4.7	9.0
680	459	Yorkshire W	522	-8	...	5.5	7.9

Source: Finstat

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
109	100½	Exch 12¼% 1994	100½	...	12.42	4.91
103	100½	Treas 9% 1994	101	+½	8.91	5.45
107	102	Treas 12% 1995	102½	...	11.66	5.62
98	97	Gas 3% 1990-95	98	...	3.05	5.35
109	103	Exch 10¼% 1995	103	...	9.89	6.23
113	107	Treas 12¾% 1995	107½	+½	11.86	6.54
117	109	Treas 14% 1996	110	+½	12.73	6.73
121	113	Treas 15¼% 1996	113	+½	13.45	7.00
117	109	Exch 13¼% 1996	110	+½	12.02	7.06
112	104	Conv 10% 1996	105	+½	9.48	7.36
121	111	Treas 13¼% 1997	112	+½	11.75	7.51
114	105	Exch 10½% 1997	106	...	9.85	7.61
110	101	Treas 8¾% 1997	102	+½	8.53	7.82
131	119	Exch 15% 1997	119	+½	12.53	7.93
114	104	Exch 9¾% 1998	105	+½	9.28	8.02
106	96	Treas 7¼% 1998	97	+½	7.42	7.98
102	94	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	96	+½	7.03	8.02
131	117	Treas 14% 1998-01	118	-½	11.84	8.27
140	124	Treas 15½% 1998	125	-½	12.35	8.09
125	112	Exch 12% 1998	113	+½	10.60	8.24
116	103	Treas 9½% 1999	104	+½	9.08	8.19

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101	89	Treas 6% 1999	91	+½	6.56	8.08
128	113	Exch 12¼% 1999	114	+½	10.68	8.33
121	106	Treas 10½% 1999	108	+½	9.68	8.30
121	105	Conv 10¼% 1999	107	+½	9.52	8.38
116	101	Conv 9% 2000	102	+½	8.75	8.33
136	118	Treas 13% 2000	120	+½	10.79	8.51
109	90	Treas 7% 2001	92	+½	7.53	8.21
122	104	Treas 10% 2001	107	+½	9.32	8.49
123	103	Treas 9¾% 2002	106	+½	9.13	8.52
113	94	Treas 8% 2003	97	+½	8.23	8.41
127	105	Treas 10% 2003	109	+½	9.16	8.49
129	110	Treas 11½% 2001-04	113	+½	10.13	8.76
86	71	Fund 3½% 1999-04	74	+½	4.72	7.15
105	85	Treas 6¾% 2004	89	+½	7.56	8.27
127	103	Conv 9½% 2004	106	+½	8.89	8.42
125	103	Conv 9½% 2005	107	+½	8.85	8.40
143	119	Treas 12½% 2003-05	123	+½	10.14	8.76
111	93	Treas 8% 2002-06	96	+½	8.30	8.48
112	91	Treas 7¾% 2006	95	+½	8.14	8.35
136	113	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	117	+½	10.03	8.77
119	96	Treas 8½% 2007	100	+½	8.42	8.37
151	128	Treas 13½% 2004-08	130	+½	10.36	8.75
124	101	Treas 9% 2008	105	+½	8.55	8.35

LONGS (over 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115	93	Treas 8% 2009	96	+½	8.26	8.35
126	101	Conv 9% 2011	106	+½	8.49	8.32
127	101	Treas 9% 2012	106	+½	8.47	8.31
93	72	Treas 5½% 2008-12	75	+½	7.25	8.04
114	91	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	95	+½	8.12	8.24
117	92	Treas 8% 2013	97	+½	8.22	8.26
150	127	Exch 12% 2013-17	133	+½	9.02	8.47
128	99	Treas 8¾% 2017	105	+½	8.33	8.24

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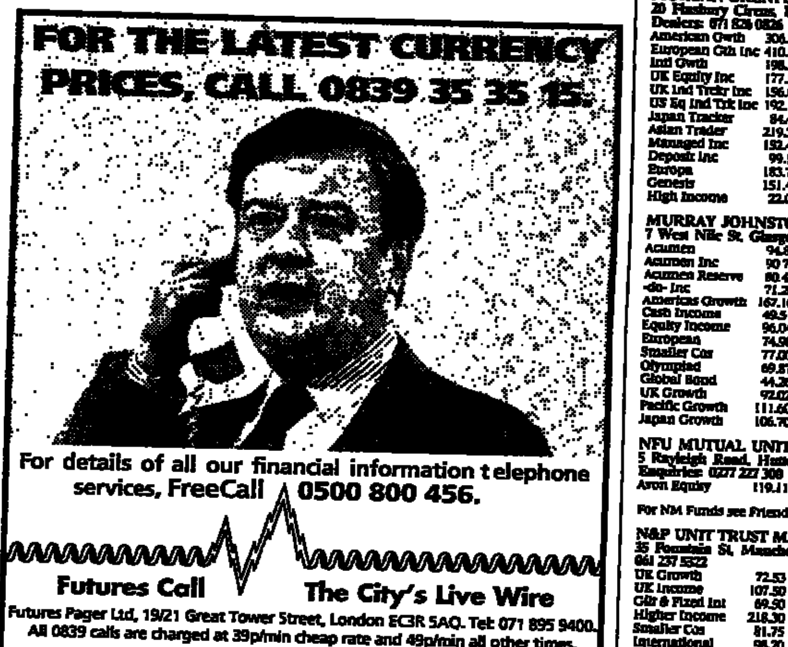
1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54	39	War Ln 3½%	42	+½	8.28	..
37	27	Treas 2½%	29	...	8.41	..

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1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
203	197	Treas IL 2% 1996	198	+½	2.69	3.11
113	109	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	109	+½	2.98	3.74
176	163	Treas IL 2½% 2001	164	+½	3.48	3.88
173	159	Treas IL 2½% 2003	160	+½	3.57	3.90
118	107	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	108	...	3.56	3.87
184	165	Treas IL 2% 2006	167	+½	3.60	3.85
168	149	Treas IL 2½% 2009	151	+½	3.67	3.88
175	154	Treas IL 2½% 2011	156	+½	3.71	3.90
146	126	Treas IL 2½% 2013	128	+½	3.72	3.89
157	134	Treas IL 2½% 2016	136	+½	3.74	3.91
152	128	Treas IL 2½% 2020	131	+½	3.77	3.91
130	106	Treas IL 2½% 2024	109	+½	3.75	3.88
128	105	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	108	+½	3.77	3.91

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
51 Belmont Rd, Uxbridge, Middx UB8 1RZ 0895 259 783				
Grofund Amer	160.10	168.50	+0.60	0.11
Grofund Equity	236.60	250.30	-1.40	1.43
Grofund Euro	205.90	218.80*	-0.70	0.14
Grofund Expt Bal	115.50	119.70*	...	2.02
Grofund Gilt	72.31	74.55*	+0.66	5.86
Grofund Japan	199.90	210.50	-1.30	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
Equity & Law Hse, Corpn St, Coventry 0203 553 231				
General Acc	529.00	562.80	+4.60	2.62
General Inc	472.70	502.90	+4.10	2.62
UK Growth Acc	356.40	379.20	+3.30	2.71
UK Growth Inc	247.50	263.40	+2.40	2.71
Higher Inc Acc	653.10	694.80	+5.10	3.85
Higher Inc Inc	385.70	410.40	+3.00	3.85
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	180.70	190.90	+1.10	5.99
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	90.15	95.23	+0.52	5.99
Nth America	240.80	256.20	-1.70	...
Far East	378.90	403.10	-1.00	...
Europe	278.90	296.80	+1.70	0.63
Brit Excell	70.70	75.22	+0.71	2.90
Brit Fndmtls Acc	97.47	103.70	+0.70	4.64
Brit Fndmtls Inc	73.14	77.81	+0.53	4.64
Global Opps	84.90	90.22	+0.21	0.07
Balanced Acc	53.54	56.96*	+0.37	2.53
Balanced Inc	52.74	56.11*	+0.36	2.53
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	128.30	136.10	+1.40	5.88
High Inc Equity	159.10	170.20*	-1.30	4.62
Worldwide Bond	267.50	283.70*	+0.10	3.70
Capital Growth				
American Growth	288.20	307.70	-1.10	.49
Asian Pacific	336.10	357.60	-0.70	...
Assets & Earnings	258.60	275.10	-1.60	2.41
Comdty & Energy	119.90	127.60	-0.10	.56
Euro Capital Inc	135.30	144.70	-0.30	.67
General	219.10	233.10*	+1.50	2.33
Japan	139.00	147.90	-0.60	...
Mastertrust	142.50	152.40	+0.30	1.17
UK Growth Dist	126.90	135.70	+0.20	2.14
US Emerging Cos	123.50	132.10	+0.10	...
Income & Growth	379.20	403.40	+2.90	3.10
Ethical	69.38	73.72	+0.28	2.56
International	119.30	126.90	+0.40	.54
Dividend & Growth	59.83	63.65*	+0.47	4.41
Global Gwth & Sec	65.50	69.79	-0.03	2.39
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
14 Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7NS 031 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£16.94	£17.03	...	...
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0800 833 580				
Aberdeen Portfolio	61.71	62.98*	-0.29	0.78
Amer Inc & Growth	43.31	45.70	-0.15	0.68
Cash	50.29	50.29	...	4.48
European	112.10	119.00	-0.80	...
European Income	98.10	104.20	+0.50	1.43
Exempt	995.40	£10.66*	+2.00	1.64
Extra Income	51.75	55.36	+0.33	4.29
Far East Emg Ecn	117.30	126.40*	-0.40	0.50
Fixed Interest	22.65	24.18	+0.05	7.59
Fund Inv Tst	179.90	192.10	-1.40	0.87
Japan	201.70	214.90*	-1.60	...
Latin American	72.60	77.43*	+2.05	0.62
Pacific	74.57	79.85	+0.09	0.33
Property Share	69.06	73.72*	+0.16	1.64
UK Emerging Cos	64.60	68.96*	+0.27	1.79
UK Growth	44.43	45.00	-0.31	2.44
World Growth	74.84	79.88	+0.46	0.68
Ethical	61.84	66.01	-0.65	2.65
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	49.79	49.79	-0.35	6.55
ACUMA FUND MANAGERS LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 698 336				
UK Equity Income	96.69	102.86*	+0.63	3.08
UK Equity Growth	86.31	91.82	+0.48	2.25
European	71.75	76.33	+0.23	0.88
Nth American	67.99	72.33	+0.08	1.40
Far Eastern	77.05	81.97	-0.62	0.63
Money	66.21	66.21*	...	3.69
Fixed Interest	69.70	74.15*	+0.65	6.55
Index Linked Gilt	63.43	67.48*	-0.44	1.39
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 549 5252				
British Growth	68.97	73.37†	+0.30	2.78
British Income	78.66	83.69*	+0.42	3.54
Select Portfolio	87.83	93.43*	+0.81	..
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
101 King's Road Brentwood CM14 4DR 0452 305 958				
Amity Income	75.17	79.76	+0.36	2.05
Income Builder Inc	67.20	71.49	+0.70	2.87
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL IFA dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	233.50	249.60	+0.70	3.27
Capital	411.60	439.90	+1.60	1.76
Balanced	682.80	729.40	+3.50	2.73
Accumulator	£12.37	£13.22	+3.00	2.97
Income Trusts				
American Income	47.68	50.95†	+0.06	3.61
High Income	402.10	429.80	+1.50	3.50
Equity Income	225.40	240.90†	+0.60	3.55
High Yield	245.40	262.30	+0.80	3.58
Govt Securities	32.70	34.51	+0.10	5.27
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	135.40	144.70	-0.20	0.41
European Growth	36.69	39.04	+0.09	0.08
International	167.50	178.80	...	0.22
Japan	241.70	257.80	-0.50	0.01
Pacific	431.80	461.50*	+0.40	0.02
Secs of America	402.70	428.50	-1.30	0.44
Wwide Asset Val	50.70	54.16	+0.09	0.18
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	519.40	555.20	+1.50	2.34
Conv & Gilt	44.70	47.78*	+0.24	4.58
Smaller Cos	168.20	179.80*	+1.00	1.26
2nd Smaller Cos	160.10	171.10	+1.00	1.19
Recovery	139.40	149.00	+1.00	1.75
Met Min & Cmty	157.10	167.90	...	0.83
Oseas Earnings	355.70	380.20*	+1.60	1.93
Technology	150.40	160.70	+0.10	0.01
UK Special Sits	451.40	482.50	+2.10	1.88
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 911				
Cntrctd Out Pens	96.54	100.30	...	1.45
Foundtn Persl Pens	61.16	63.54	...	4.00
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
28 St John's Sq, London EC1M 4AE 071 251 6767				
Capital	71.01	75.54*	+0.70	1.91
International	64.67	68.80*	+1.21	0.13
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
1 Rutland Court, Edinburgh EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
America	277.20	298.90	-0.70	...
Bond	110.60	116.40	-1.70	7.21
Brit Smlr Cos	99.64	106.00	+0.20	0.95
Conv & Gen	64.71	69.06*	+0.42	5.43
Energy	439.00	475.00	-1.20	0.22
Europe	242.20	256.90	+0.80	0.48
Euro Smlr Cos	106.90	113.40	-0.40	0.82
Income Gwth	339.70	362.50	-1.80	4.21
Japan	355.30	377.50	-1.80	...
Pacific	113.20	120.40	...	0.70
UK Smllr Cos	51.60	54.89	+0.06	0.90
Japan Fd	821.20	845.00	-4.20	...
Mngd Fd	173.20	184.20	+0.80	3.92
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	284.70	299.70	...	1.26
Capital Gwth	115.30	121.20	...	2.21
Wwide Opps	183.20	192.80	...	0.43
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bist Inv Fd Inc	348.20	362.70	+3.10	2.77
European Bd Inc	89.91	93.11*	+0.43	8.22
Exempt	73.40	78.23	+0.56	4.25
Financial	69.89	74.75	+0.29	2.76
500	447.30	478.40	+1.30	2.28
General	269.50	288.20	+1.80	2.65
Property	248.10	265.30	...	5.54
Trustee	177.80	190.20*	+0.90	2.21
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.30	100.30*	...	4.35
Extra Income	116.10	124.20	+0.80	4.02
Gilt & Fxd Int	56.70	58.60	+0.54	8.71
Income	517.40	553.40*	+3.0	4.11
Income Builder	63.70	67.77	+0.40	4.64
Intl Income	65.01	69.16*	+0.14	3.45
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	114.20	121.80*	-0.90	2.66
Leisure	120.60	129.00	-0.40	1.17
Recovery	411.50	440.10	+2.90	2.48
Smllr Cos Inc	41.68	44.70*	+0.20	1.75
Special Sits	276.50	295.70	+0.90	1.70
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	124.20	131.80	+0.10	0.53
Aust Acc	256.70	273.90	-3.40	1.97
Aust Inc	159.60	169.80	-2.30	1.97
Euro Gwth Inc	153.70	162.90	+0.20	0.63
Japan & Gen Inc	199.70	211.50	-1.10	...
Japan Spec Sits	92.58	98.07	-0.53	...
Univ Tech Inc	80.29	85.33*	+0.21	0.35
Worldwide	177.30	188.20*	+0.10	0.61
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Growth	89.81	95.53	-0.03	...
Amer Smllr Cos	115.80	124.80	-0.20	..
Cash Trust	49.99	49.99	...	4.10
Convertibles	56.98	60.94*	+0.19	5.40
Eastern	288.10	311.10	-0.10	0.10
Equity Income	86.33	91.84*	+0.43	4.90
European Growth	300.80	319.20	-1.20	1.00
Europe	222.90	237.70	-1.00	0.60
German Growth	71.31	75.87	-0.27	0.10
Global Bond	62.50	65.85*	+0.23	5.70
Global Growth	125.90	134.30	+0.30	...
Japan Growth	227.70	243.20	-0.40	...
Japan Sunrise	204.60	218.10	-1.10	...
Korea Trust	78.21	86.87	-0.05	...
Portfolio	133.00	142.30	+0.90	1.60
UK Growth	86.57	91.88*	+0.65	1.40
UK Smaller Cos	89.71	95.94	+0.26	1.50
Select Managers	74.13	79.38	-0.76	1.10
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
26-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL 071 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	80.19	85.31*	...	...
Special Oppor Inc	55.37	58.90*	...	...
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD				
5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6441				
Special Sits	163.80	175.20*	+1.60	0.93
Dividend	79.11	84.61*	+1.09	4.15
Intl Gth & Inc	207.70	222.10*	+0.50	2.74
UK & Gen	43.62	46.65	+0.54	1.44
Fund of Funds	65.56	70.12	+0.54	..
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR 041 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	104.36	110.43	-0.91	1.83
Smaller Cos	103.54	109.57	-0.55	1.15
Higher Yield	43.54	46.07*	+0.35	3.61
American Gth Inc	72.31	76.51*	+0.86	...
European Growth	137.78	145.80	-1.40	0.04
Global Bond Inc	27.36	28.90	+0.19	5.40
Mngd Ptflio Inc	43.01	45.50	+0.31	1.07
Int Spec Opps	119.24	126.18	-1.06	0.10
Pacific Grth	136.50	144.45	-0.56	...
Formerly LAS				
UK General	76.31	80.76*	+0.46	2.06
Japan	71.33	75.48*	-0.47	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	95.56	97.51	+1.21	6.89
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7286				
Short Dated Gilt	63.69	64.51	+0.12	6.26
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	150.40	160.00	+0.50	1.50
UK Growth	162.90	173.30*	+1.20	2.15
UK Income	130.60	139.00	+0.90	4.28
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	185.00	196.10*	-1.30	2.02
-do- Income Dist	106.10	112.50	+0.80	4.45
Gilt & Fxd Int	39.17	41.52†	-0.50	6.55
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF 061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362				
American & Gen	146.10	155.50	+0.90	...
European Inc	80.67	85.48*	+0.05	0.51
Smaller Cos (4-1)	79.50	84.58	+0.20	1.70
Growth	413.80	440.30	-2.00	2.17
Income & Growth	395.40	420.70*	+0.30	3.86
Japan & Gen	82.29	87.48	-0.19	...
Master Portfolio	£104.11	£108.13*	+39.00	1.88
Special Sits	93.77	99.76*	-0.55	2.22
High Yield	£12.94	£13.35	+9.00	4.28
CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS				
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh 031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 561				
American Gwth Tst	35.74	38.22	+0.17	0.26
Cash Income	50.29	50.29	...	5.02
European Gwth	41.44	44.13	+0.18	0.34
Income & Gwth Inc	27.53	29.44	+0.50	4.16
Intnl Gwth	31.94	34.15	+0.06	0.55
Japan Gwth	30.48	32.59	-0.17	...
Managed Tst Inc	49.05	52.45	+0.20	1.60
Oriental Opps Inc	146.60	156.70	-1.60	...
Property Shares	39.15	41.87	-2.16	0.32
Smaller Cos	31.22	33.39	+1.04	1.20
UK Growth Tst	25.64	27.42	+0.39	2.46
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	73.02	78.09	+0.13	1.25
Cap Hse UK Inc	67.18	71.84	+0.61	2.40
Exempt (E)	28.40	29.21	...	2.33
Formerly Brown Shipley				
Financial	143.10	153.00	+2.70	1.60
Foundation	91.65	98.02	+0.44	2.30
German	51.77	55.36	+0.23	...
High Income	74.23	79.38	+1.28	5.68
Income	134.60	143.90	+3.10	3.25
Mngd Ptfolio Inc	101.70	108.70	...	1.07
Mngd Ptfolio Acc	194.40	207.90	...	1.07
Monthly Income	82.12	87.82	+2.73	4.02
North American	102.50	109.60	+0.50	...
Orient	156.70	167.50	-1.10	...
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	81.22	86.65*	+0.19	2.35
American Portfolio	86.67	92.44	-0.17	1.07
European Portfolio	97.38	103.71	+0.42	0.84
Japanese Portfolio	75.38	80.17*	-0.42	...
Pacific Portfolio	143.46	154.26	-0.31	0.78
UK Inc & Growth	73.67	78.87	+0.28	3.58
Utility & Bond	53.91	54.56	+0.52	6.15
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000				
UK General Tst	64.31	68.41	+0.62	2.92
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD 071 837 7667				
Intl Growth	138.14	149.89*	...	...
UK Income	108.85	119.36*	...	5.041
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	76.90	81.45	...	2.05
Beck Bio-Tech	24.41	27.40*	...	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	154.45	162.58*	...	1.30
City Fin Assets	69.92	74.38	...	1.05
City Fin America	80.28	84.51	+0.59	...
City Fin Intl	77.65	81.74	+0.58	0.48
City Fin Japan	185.07	194.81	-1.64	...
Friars Hse Cap	263.70	285.19*	...	1.49
Friars Hse Inc	194.66	207.09	...	3.93
Bockley Wrld Grth	133.60	142.13	+1.09	0.09
Fairmnt Cap Gth	141.03	148.44	...	...
-do- Inc & Gth	108.76	114.48	...	1.57
Fairmount Intl	157.71	166.01	...	...
City Fin Ptflo Inc	56.20	59.79*	...	4.11
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144				
Emerging Markets	55.12	58.48*	+0.19	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	52.71	56.37	+0.48	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	37.33	39.93	+0.12	0.25
Dragon Growth	71.93	76.93	+0.02	0.38
Equity High Inc	80.76	85.91	+0.66	3.84
European Gwth	51.36	54.64	+0.29	0.70
Evergreen	29.97	32.05	+0.25	...
General Equity	81.49	86.46	+0.72	2.44
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.20	25.45*	+0.26	8.06
Japan Growth	56.83	60.78	-0.37	...
Pedigree Gwth	50.08	53.28	+0.47	2.44
Fed Sm Cos Inc	31.27	33.27	+0.15	0.87
Retirement Inc	25.34	27.10	+0.23	5.60
Special Sits	37.72	40.34	+0.32	1.75
UK & Overseas	48.05	51.12	+0.19	0.96
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY 0634 848 000				
Capital	64.22	68.68*	+0.41	2.36
Income	58.12	62.12*	+0.60	3.97
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD				
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	159.94	170.15	+1.73	5.27
Fixed & Convertible	40.62	43.21*	+0.31	6.91
Monthly Inc Plus	48.75	51.86	+0.24	8.64
Preference Share	47.23	50.24*	+0.17	7.91
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	123.58	131.47*	+0.99	6.70
Managed Fund	67.52	71.83	+0.54	2.47
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	40.09	42.65	+0.13	1.59
UK & General	77.37	82.31	+0.84	2.33
UK Growth	138.10	146.92	+1.31	2.32
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	198.90	211.60	-0.26	0.23
Far Eastern Grth	139.13	148.01	-0.02	...
Global Bond	80.37	85.42	+0.17	6.14
Japan Growth	136.11	144.80	-1.17	...
North Amer Grth	153.50	163.30	+0.60	...
Oriental Growth	80.48	85.62	+0.10	...
Worldwide Growth	65.40	69.57	-0.06	0.07
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.51	92.51	+0.01	4.28
Homemaker Fund	76.85	81.75	+0.76	1.85
Quilter Fund	129.31	137.56*	+1.42	2.49
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD				
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	58.00	61.70*	+0.42	3.00
High Income	33.49	35.62	+0.23	4.60
Japan	39.08	41.57	-0.29	...
Smaller Cos Inc	31.04	33.02	+0.10	2.40
Smaller Cos	32.56	34.63	+0.10	2.40
North American	32.45	34.52	+0.12	0.50
European	38.46	40.91	+0.17	0.60
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	30.60	32.86	...	3.29
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358				
Growth	144.90	154.20	+1.70	1.83
Income	70.91	75.44*	+0.48	5.02
European	62.15	66.12	-0.01	0.58
Recovery	141.40	150.50	+1.10	1.89
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	794.60	808.10	...	3.80
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex 0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	69.46	73.89	-0.45	1.39
Income	230.80	245.60	+1.40	4.65
Smaller Cos	147.50	156.90	+0.70	0.86
Inv Portfolio	76.91	81.81	-0.18	1.46
High Income Port	66.14	70.36	+0.33	4.80
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS 071 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.61	£15.99	...	...
Japan Small Cos	£14.19	£14.47	...	...
UK Small Cos	£17.39	£18.14	...	...
US Small Cos	£15.56	£15.99	...	...
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL 071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	198.20	208.60	...	2.52
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
25 Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500				
European Gwth	279.30	295.20	+1.00	1.02
New Asia	222.30	237.10	-0.50	..
Japan Growth	139.60	148.50	-1.00	...
Jap Smllr Co	590.80	627.80	-5.10	...
Nth Amer	244.40	259.00*	-0.30	0.94
Shtrd Asia Pac Mt	123.30	130.30*	-0.20	...
UK Inc & Grth	214.20	228.80	-1.20	3.12
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	137.60	146.40	+1.10	1.83
UK High Inc Inc	149.10	158.60	+1.00	4.54
UK Pref & F I Inc	56.58	60.18	+0.81	5.21
Envrnmntl Opps	81.77	86.99	-0.53	1.08
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh 0345 090 526				
American	120.30	127.80	+0.50	0.98
Convertibles	21.60	22.95	+0.10	7.19
Equity Income	125.70	133.60	+0.60	3.74
EuroFund	46.61	49.29	+0.02	0.41
Financial	46.70	49.62	+0.22	1.61
Growth & Inc	226.20	240.30*	+0.80	3.12
High Dist	153.60	163.20	+0.80	4.60
International	402.90	428.10	+1.70	0.18
Int Cap Inc	96.41	102.90*	+0.40	2.53
Latin American	45.61	48.46*	+1.19	..
Pacific	84.58	89.87	-0.10	...
Preference Share	22.59	24.00*	+0.09	6.88
Tokyo	253.10	268.50	-0.30	...
UK Smaller Cos	223.80	237.80	+1.00	1.05
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
28 Ely Place, London EC1N 6RL 071 242 0242				
Elcon Trust	210.89	225.13	+2.64	1.03
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	201.30	214.10	...	0.49
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN 0296 431 480				
European	81.53	85.82	+0.27	1.69
Ethical Tst	45.78	48.19	-0.11	1.16
Far Eastern	318.52	335.28*	+0.52	1.45
High Income	133.08	140.09	+0.70	4.48
Intl Growth	118.77	125.02	-0.28	1.33
North American	106.46	112.06	-0.55	1.11
Pelican	115.63	122.45	+0.20	3.11
Smaller Cos	71.25	75.00	+0.21	2.17
Special Sits	89.53	94.24	+0.38	2.49
Tst of Inv Tsts	188.14	198.04	-0.29	1.58
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	211.08	219.88	-1.13	1.19
Smaller Cos Acc	366.40	381.76	-1.95	1.19
Recovery	53.70	55.94	+0.20	1.17
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB 0392 412 144				
Balanced	107.89	114.76	+0.94	5.91
Capital Growth	84.45	90.56	+0.24	..
Fd of Inv Tsts	45.67	48.71	+0.20	0.59
High Income	46.96	50.33*	+0.05	8.80
Warrant	59.85	65.05	+0.24	...
Zero Preference	36.03	38.23	+0.01	...
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	76.51	81.39*	+0.490	2.09
Family Income Tst	48.24	48.24*	+0.320	5.74
Family Trust	87.01	92.56*	..	1.05
United Charities	258.80	275.20	..	2.80
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161 Broker Dealings: 0800 414 181				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	4.30
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Controlled Risk UK	24.32	25.68	+0.34	2.88
-do- Europe	23.78	25.12	-0.01	4.37
-do- America	22.45	23.65	+0.08	...
-do- Acc Japan	27.88	29.30	-0.25	0.06
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	28.04	28.31	+0.31	7.34
Intl Bond	27.96	29.03*	-0.09	4.93
Income Funds				
High Income	26.17	27.54*	+0.25	5.21
Income Plus	113.60	120.80	+0.60	3.86
Amer Eq Inc	46.92	49.70*	+0.43	1.18
European Income	44.70	47.53	-0.32	2.23
Far East Inc	64.21	68.37	-0.15	1.78
Global Convertible	23.10	24.65	+0.13	2.63
UK Div Grth	22.69	24.13	+0.12	1.57
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	63.14	67.35	-0.40	...
American	226.80	240.60	-1.30	...
Amer Spec Sits	105.00	112.00	-0.40	...
Japan Smaller Cos	47.86	51.06	-0.29	...
European	167.30	177.90	-0.50	...
European Opps	62.96	66.95	-0.43	...
Global Priv	24.11	25.56	+0.13	...
UK Growth	85.74	91.17	+0.56	...
Growth & Inc	143.80	152.90*	+0.50	2.81
Intl PEP	35.48	37.73	+0.13	...
Japan Spec Sits	108.00	115.20	-0.70	...
Japan	220.10	234.70*	-1.50	...
Managed Intl	274.80	293.10	+0.10	...
Moneybuilder	53.10	56.46*	+0.19	...
Recovery	46.66	49.62	+0.20	...
South E Asia	154.70	165.10	...	...
Special Sits	511.20	543.60	+3.20	...
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	108.80	114.50*	+0.70	2.45
UK Reverse Index	76.96	81.61*	-0.46	3.83
Europe Index	101.50	106.90*	+0.70	4.36
-do- Reverse Index	69.60	73.41*	-0.59	7.16
America Index	97.42	102.70*	+0.40	0.17
-do- Reverse Index	91.92	96.83*	+0.60	0.30
Japan Index	139.80	147.30*	-1.10	0.15
-do- Reverse Index	90.08	94.88*	-0.33	0.81
Cash Accum Units	106.05	106.05	+0.01	4.30
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
20 Finsbury St, Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2700				
Balanced	139.20	142.60	+1.90	1.40
Inc Ptflio	86.82	88.44	+0.82	3.80
Cap Ptflio	145.90	148.70	-1.20	0.67
General Opps	122.90	125.20	+1.70	3.15
Growth Inc	30.80	31.49	-0.30	1.62
Private Portfolio	401.30	409.20	+5.10	1.44
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Admin, PO Box 2001, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XR Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	115.00	122.20*	+0.90	0.47
Far Eastern	177.90	192.00	-0.10	...
High Income	21.88	23.36*	+0.12	9.80
Oseas Income	93.38	99.67	+0.17	2.97
UK Growth	111.70	119.50*	+1.20	1.38
UK Income	104.00	110.00*	+1.10	4.15
US Smaller Cos	283.30	303.00	-1.90	...
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	48.62	51.72	+0.43	3.28
-do- Inv Tst Inc	78.24	83.23	+0.28	4.48
Intl Growth	70.12	74.60	...	1.21
Investment Trust	92.11	97.99	-0.45	0.14
UK Smaller Cos	78.05	83.03*	-0.14	1.29
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
American Growth	50.81	54.34	-0.38	...
(Accum Units)	50.81	54.34	-0.38	...
Amer Smllr Cos	435.70	465.90	-2.90	...
(Accum Units)	445.10	475.90	-3.00	...
Capital Tst	313.40	333.30	+0.80	1.43
(Accum Units)	443.40	471.60	+1.30	1.43
Contl Smllr Cos	61.01	65.70	+0.50	0.48
(Accum Units)	64.16	69.09	+0.52	0.48
Convertible	130.60	138.90*	+0.40	5.14
(Accum Units)	257.70	274.10*	+0.90	5.14
Emerging Markets	79.89	85.35	+1.16	...
(Accum Units)	79.97	85.43	+1.17	...
European	121.60	129.30	+1.20	0.08
(Accum Units)	127.40	135.50	+1.30	0.08
Extra Income	323.60	344.20	+4.00	3.80
(Accum Units)	478.60	509.00	+5.80	3.80
Financial	119.60	128.40	+0.30	0.40
(Accum Units)	126.00	135.20	+0.30	0.40
Gilt Trust	61.97	63.90	+0.43	6.23
(Accum Units)	84.17	86.80	+0.58	6.23
Health Fund Inc	111.60	119.20	+0.60	...
(Accum Units)	111.60	119.20	+0.60	...
Income & Growth	191.90	204.10	+1.50	3.58
(Accum Units)	282.30	300.20	+2.30	3.58
Intl Growth	351.40	380.10	-1.70	...
(Accum Units)	392.50	422.10	-1.90	...
Japan & Gen	206.90	221.70	-1.20	...
(Accum Units)	209.00	223.90	-1.20	...
Managed Port Inc	104.00	109.40	+0.50	1.27
(Accum Units)	110.30	116.00	+0.50	1.27
Monthly Income	161.10	171.30	+1.00	3.87
Quarterly Income	53.84	57.27	+0.13	4.16
(Accum Units)	56.04	59.61	+0.35	4.16
Recovery	353.80	376.30	+2.10	...
(Accum Units)	416.20	445.00	+2.40	...
UK Growth	51.01	54.48	+0.39	2.48
(Accum Units)	52.76	56.35	+0.40	2.48
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts Dealing: 0722 411 411 Admin: 0722 411 622				
FP Equity Dist	376.17	400.18	+2.18	2.78
-do- Accum	784.99	835.10	+4.55	2.78
FP Euro Gth Dist	138.74	147.60*	+0.68	0.19
-do- Accum	144.31	153.52*	+0.71	0.19
FP Fixed Int Dist	130.26	137.78	+1.53	7.07
-do- Accum	232.37	245.79	+2.72	7.07
FP Intl Gth Dis	94.80	100.85	+0.16	0.44
-do- Accum	98.90	105.21	+0.16	0.44
FP Nth Amer Dis	181.96	192.75*	+0.58	0.96
-do- Accum	199.60	211.44*	+0.64	0.96
FP Pac Basin Dist	330.02	351.09*	-1.29	0.14
-do- Accum	336.76	358.26*	-1.30	0.14
Stewardship Dist	325.75	346.54	+0.51	2.04
-do- Accum	393.98	419.13	+0.60	2.04
Stwrdshp Inc Dist	70.99	75.52*	+0.12	3.46
-do- Accum	90.69	96.48*	+0.17	3.46
N Am Stshp Dist	96.30	102.45*	-0.26	0.58
-do- Accum	102.10	108.62*	-0.26	0.58
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	109.10	116.00*	+1.00	0.80
Open Cap Gth Acc	111.60	118.70*	+0.90	0.10
Cap Gth Inc Inc	104.60	111.20	+1.00	1.58
Cap Gth Inc Acc	106.30	113.00	+1.00	1.58
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	105.80	112.50	+0.90	1.82
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	107.80	114.30	+1.00	1.82
NM Unit Trusts				
American	42.99	45.80	+0.06	1.66
Australian	336.20	360.70	-4.80	0.0
Conscience	69.22	73.87	-1.64	0.44
European	205.20	218.20	+1.10	1.14
Extra Income	72.27	77.12†	+0.65	5.75
Gilt & FI	55.27	58.33*	+0.63	6.83
Gold	56.91	61.19	-1.39	0.0
Income	53.68	57.25	+0.38	3.84
Intnl	33.94	36.29	+0.10	0.48
Jap Smaller Cos	429.10	457.70	-3.60	0.0
Sing & Malaysian	260.60	279.40	-0.80	0.0
Smaller Cos	30.34	32.62	+0.80	0.57
Special Sits	35.57	38.24	-0.06	1.77
Sterling Deposit	100.30	100.30*	...	4.50
Tokyo	96.47	102.90	+0.10	0.0
UK Equity	172.80	184.30*	+1.40	2.69
US Smaller Cos	109.30	116.80	+1.20	0.0
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
PO Box 237, York YO1 1LA 0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	232.70	246.10	-1.40	2.43
Cash	49.38	50.02*	...	3.87
Growth Portfolio	79.11	83.85	+0.31	0.68
Income Portfolio	65.33	69.09*	+0.16	4.49
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Alban Gate, 14th Floor, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	158.60	169.70	+1.20	...
European	564.10	602.70	+3.30	1.20
Far East & Gen	286.60	306.60	+1.00	...
Germany	127.70	135.30	+0.80	...
Income Inc	151.40	162.00	+1.30	4.51
International	343.80	367.70	+2.00	...
Intl Income	81.12	86.14	+0.16	4.01
Japan & General	445.80	474.70	-1.50	...
Korean Securities	68.85	73.64	-1.11	...
Smllr Cos Div Inc	49.14	52.56*	+0.36	4.69
UK Capital (Inc)	172.20	184.20*	+0.30	0.95
UK Spec Sits	90.36	96.65	+0.52	0.34
US & General	130.80	138.90	+0.20	...
Wwide Spec Sits	157.30	167.80*	+1.00	...
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2000 Digs only: 0277 264 421 Investor Services: Freephone 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	48.16	51.57*	+0.35	1.98
Cash Trust	134.06	134.06*	+0.01	4.25
Practical Inv Inc	116.60	124.71	+0.35	3.53
UK Index	146.08	148.63	+1.18	2.91
UK Smaller Cos	121.79	130.26	+0.25	1.01
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.40	26.10*	+0.06	9.46
High Income	32.39	34.64*	+0.18	4.97
UK Equity Income	133.16	142.42*	+0.76	3.75
Global Bond	28.44	29.47*	+0.15	4.82
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	58.20	62.25	+0.84	...
Global Inc & Gth	136.38	145.04	+0.74	1.41
Gold & Intl Res	116.97	125.10	+0.62	0.18
Global Utilities	131.83	140.99*	+1.07	1.01
Overseas Funds				
American	134.90	144.39	+1.19	0.90
European	98.93	104.71	+0.44	0.73
Euro Sel Opps	140.81	149.49*	+0.95	0.19
Amer Emerging	88.98	95.17	+0.59	..
Hong Kong	152.02	162.59	-0.98	1.69
Japan	272.34	289.40*	-0.71	...
Pacific Growth	224.50	240.11	+0.23	1.17
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	212.96	212.96*	+1.45	1.75
Long Term Bal	231.58	231.58*	+1.67	2.22
Med Term Bal	193.46	193.46	+1.50	2.81
UK Equity	236.88	236.88	+2.10	2.19
UK Emerging Cos	138.23	138.23	+0.43	2.13
American	226.08	226.08	-1.54	1.28
Japan	145.73	145.73	-0.20	...
European	258.81	258.81	-1.19	0.95
Index Linked Gilt	160.57	160.57	+1.22	3.33
Fixed Interest	151.80	151.80	+1.97	6.47
Amer Emergng	241.62	241.62	+2.34	...
Pacific	243.86	243.86*	+0.26	0.91
Emerging Mkts	169.56	169.56*	-2.17	0.40
Index Strat Japan	166.74	166.74*	-0.50	0.20
-do- Pacific Rim	191.26	191.26*	+6.44	1.01
-do- Cont Europe	151.87	151.87*	+2.47	1.51
Index Strat USA	126.88	126.88*	-1.79	2.27
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	100.60	107.02	+0.72	..
Med Term Bal	91.98	97.85	+0.76	...
Long Term Bal	104.27	110.93	+0.80	...
UK Equity	109.57	116.56	+1.03	...
UK Emerging Cos	64.87	69.01	+0.21	...
American	105.08	111.78	-0.76	...
Japan	70.14	74.62	+0.10	...
European	107.87	114.76	+0.53	...
Fixed Interest	76.58	81.47	+1.06	...
Index Linked Gilt	71.30	75.85	+0.58	...
Deposit	78.22	83.21	...	...
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Int Grth	124.91	131.48*	+0.81	...
Berkeley Income	111.65	117.53*	+0.43	2.17
BWH Intl	139.48	146.82	+1.04	0.58
Brchif Gth Port Inc	60.91	64.28	+0.34	1.25
-do- Inc Port Inc	55.86	58.95*	+0.21	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	53.65	56.62	+0.28	0.50
Shaw Utilities	54.52	57.54	+0.60	3.70
GLENFRIARS UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
22 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HS 071 930 7533				
Inv Opportunities	139.90	147.70	...	1.40
Higher Income	126.30	132.50	+0.20	2.18
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management Ltd 12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990				
# Intl Inc	550.27	585.39	...	0.56
European Inc	147.93	157.34	...	1.29
Amalgam Inc	149.63	158.39	-0.34	...
N America Inc	305.09	334.56	...	...
Far East Inc	368.79	392.34	...	0.20
UK Divid Inc	170.45	181.33	-0.81	0.90
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	82.49	87.50	+0.56	4.86
UK Small Cos	48.09	51.43	+1.95	1.04
British Growth	53.17	56.07	+0.15	2.90
American Gwth	140.72	150.50	-0.65	0.37
Japan Gwth	90.20	96.47	-0.26	..
Greater China	199.66	213.54*	-1.62	...
Pacific Strategy	171.91	183.86	+0.94	..
European Gwth	88.61	94.77	+0.27	0.96
Intl Growth	144.70	154.76	+0.66	0.51
US Index (£)	12.60	13.59	-0.08	3.00
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	75.36	79.94*	+0.49	2.31
Monthly Income	38.64	41.11*	+0.10	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing 071 865 0031				
Grd UK Index (£)	10.63	11.20	+0.16	3.60

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GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Mint Hse, 77 Mansell St, London E1 8AF 071 488 1212				
Small Cos	94.57	100.61	...	1.18
Bridge Income	256.90	273.30	...	5.47
GUARDIAN ROYAL EX UT MGRS LTD				
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9468				
Cash	136.00	136.00	...	4.00
European	491.00	524.50	-1.40	0.19
Gilt & Fixed	126.50	134.30	-1.80	4.92
Growth Equity	329.90	352.40	+2.60	1.85
Income Trust	124.60	133.10	+0.80	2.96
International	186.10	198.80	+0.30	...
Japan Trust	140.80	150.40*	-1.00	...
Nth American	255.30	272.70	+0.60	0.27
Pacific	570.10	609.00	-1.30	...
Guardhill	487.10	520.40	+3.80	1.90
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
5 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NE 071 522 2129				
EMU Trust	103.49	107.40	...	8.09
Global High Inc	103.80	107.76*	+0.03	7.66
Prem Fixed Int	102.66	106.58	+1.05	8.71
Eqty & Bond Inc	101.22	107.62*	+0.87	4.89
European Growth	101.90	108.34	+0.91	...
Intl PEP Trust	61.38	65.26	+0.58	...
High Income	117.53	124.96*	+1.85	4.06
Recovery	375.10	398.80	+2.10	1.48
St Vinc High Inc	130.12	132.07	-1.08	6.63
Tmp Bar Emer Co	242.10	257.40	-0.20	1.54
Tmp Br Sm Co In	340.50	346.40*	-1.40	2.10
Glob Prtv Tst	94.46	100.43	-1.19	1.18
Inc Share Tst	95.60	101.65	+0.31	7.85
HALIFAX STANDARD TST MGT LTD				
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838 868				
Global Advtg Inc	39.00	41.35†	+0.50	1.60
Income Advtg Inc	31.03	32.90	+0.40	3.81
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390				
Model Ptfolio	200.60	213.10	-0.50	2.09
Smaller Cos	33.84	36.00	+0.05	0.83
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
PO Box 2157, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	286.85	305.92	+1.19	1.24
Best of British	63.04	67.01	-0.03	2.30
UK Smaller Cos	120.26	129.27*	-0.33	1.12
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	273.25	291.01	+1.94	3.04
High Income	316.75	338.60*	+2.30	3.84
Extra Income	274.59	292.02	+2.07	5.07
Pref & Gilt	44.67	48.02*	+0.27	9.05
International				
International	275.19	293.51	+1.76	...
Global Bond	53.58	56.85	+0.24	5.48
Family of Funds	81.87	87.37*	-0.71	0.18
Global Tech	135.17	144.56	+0.05	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	181.79	194.40*	-0.84	0.06
European	485.32	514.45	-1.66	0.39
European Income	83.65	88.68*	+0.34	2.40
Euro Smlr Cos	148.55	159.19	+0.56	0.06
Eur Sp Sits	70.31	74.79	+0.80	0.31
Japan Trust	241.99	257.46*	-0.35	...
Japan Special Sits	272.63	290.05	-1.15	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	266.08	283.08	+0.48	...
North American	230.79	245.57*	-0.91	0.27
American Smaller	98.56	105.36	-0.58	...
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	52.32	55.45	-0.30	...
Eur Sp Sits	60.34	63.96	-0.70	...
General Growth	42.39	44.93	+0.43	...
Global Tech	52.88	56.05	-0.02	...
Income Growth	41.58	44.07	+0.30	...
Japan Growth	29.59	31.36	-0.04	...
Overseas Growth	40.20	42.61	+0.29	...
Smaller Cos	21.35	22.63	+0.29	...
Special Opps	28.34	29.93	+0.13	...
Wwide Sp Sits	50.15	53.15	+0.35	...
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	97.22	103.90	+0.60	1.83
Capital	172.70	184.70*	+1.20	1.62
Dollar	328.90	351.70	-0.10	...
European	240.40	257.10*	+0.80	...
Far East	338.60	362.10	-0.30	0.18
Financial	795.20	850.40	+3.80	1.37
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.99	25.99*	+0.29	7.97
High Yield	103.70	110.90	+0.80	4.46
Income & Growth	142.30	152.10	+1.00	3.46
International	255.10	272.80*	+0.30	...
Japanese General	225.34	240.90	-1.0	...
Japan Tech	91.49	97.84	-0.28	...
Nat Resources	74.03	79.17	-0.75	...
Portfolio	72.56	77.60	+0.32	1.47
Security	330.60	351.50	+2.30	1.94
Smaller Cos	128.40	137.30	+0.50	0.99
Special Sits	149.90	160.30	-0.80	1.27
UK Emerging Cos	90.76	97.06	-0.49	0.36
US Smaller Cos	65.10	69.92	-0.41	...



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HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 289 505				
James Capel Unit Trusts Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 289 505				
Index Funds				
American Index	193.20	205.20	+0.60	1.33
Eurotrack 100	159.00	169.00	+0.70	1.03
Footsie Fund	52.21	55.14	+0.53	2.37
Japan Index	87.84	93.75	-0.92	0.08
Tiger Index	215.00	229.50	+0.50	0.27
Trinle Index	115.20	122.90	-0.60	1.77
UK Index	136.50	145.70*	+1.30	2.94
Active Funds				
American Growth	456.20	486.70	-2.20	0.70
Asian	58.57	62.29	-0.51	0.15
Capital	575.60	614.30	-1.80	1.85
European Growth	117.00	124.20	+0.30	...
Global Bond	21.09	22.25*	+0.09	6.65
Hong Kong Gwth	109.80	117.20	-0.60	0.62
Income	553.80	590.80	+4.40	3.73
Intl Growth	80.97	86.16*	-0.01	0.11
Japan Growth	323.60	345.30	-1.80	...
Japan Smllr Cos	42.39	45.24	-0.41	...
Spore & Mlysn Gth	78.08	83.33	-1.21	...
Midland Unit Trusts				
Dealing 0742 529020				
Enquiries 0742 529026				
Balanced	59.83	63.98	+0.22	2.52
(Accum Units)	62.14	66.45	+0.23	2.52
British Tst	82.13	87.84	+1.17	1.90
(Accum Units)	94.35	100.90	+1.27	1.90
Extra High Inc	67.01	71.67*	+0.58	6.30
(Accum Units)	126.00	134.70*	+1.10	6.30
Gilt & Fxd Int	53.55	55.73	+0.57	6.45
(Accum Units)	150.40	156.50	+1.60	6.45
High Yield	220.80	236.10	+1.70	5.14
(Accum Units)	539.40	576.80	+4.10	5.14
Income	289.20	309.30*	+4.90	3.23
(Accum Units)	629.50	673.20*	+10.70	3.23
Money Market UT	49.29	49.30*	+0.01	4.05
(Accum Units)	75.93	75.94*	+0.01	4.05
Monthly Income	84.08	89.93*	+0.67	5.90
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	97.67	103.90*	-0.90	1.89
European Growth	112.70	119.90*	-0.30	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	91.53	96.50*	+0.87	6.41
Income	84.35	89.73*	+0.70	2.85
Japan Growth	61.19	65.10*	-0.34	...
Managed	67.13	71.42*	+0.24	2.46
Money Market	84.80	89.90*	+0.02	4.47
North American	84.10	89.47*	+0.19	0.50
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	88.72	94.38*	+0.83	1.87
European Growth	106.10	112.90*	-0.30	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	77.68	82.41*	+0.83	6.38
Income	82.85	88.14*	+0.68	2.91
Japan Growth	60.97	64.86*	-0.34	...
Managed	64.21	68.31*	+0.23	2.43
Money Market	78.35	83.06*	+0.01	4.42
North American	76.69	81.59*	+0.17	0.60
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	88.86	94.53*	+0.83	1.86
European Growth	103.60	110.20*	-0.30	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	71.39	75.74*	-0.77	6.52
Income	82.03	87.27*	+0.69	2.93
Japan Growth	62.45	66.44*	-0.35	...
Managed	67.27	71.56*	+0.24	2.42
Money Market	73.20	77.60*	+0.01	4.49
North American	84.88	90.30*	+0.18	0.46
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Investment Tst	72.36	75.10	+0.25	0.35
Smaller Cos	30.42	31.57*	+0.06	0.88
Special Features	31.62	32.82	+0.11	1.81
(Accum Units)	37.96	39.40	+0.13	1.61
General Funds				
Managed Invest	100.30	104.10	...	0.31
PEP Managed	72.39	75.14	+0.40	2.38
Rupert Chld Tst	82.56	85.69	+0.76	2.17
UK Growth	59.49	61.75	+0.41	2.34
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.01	50.01*	...	3.96
Cashbox (Acc)	58.09	58.09*	+0.01	3.96
Extra Income	83.75	86.93*	+0.73	5.22
Gilt & Fixed Int	25.91	26.81*	+0.29	8.13
Income & Growth	40.05	41.57	+0.26	3.13
UK Income	336.90	349.70	+2.60	3.47
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	49.73	51.51	+0.18	1.02
US Smaller Cos	102.00	105.80*	-0.30	..
(Accum Units)	103.10	107.00*	-0.30	..
Europe Perf	159.30	165.00*	+0.60	..
(Accum Units)	164.70	170.60*	+0.70	..
Euro Smaller Cos	29.60	30.81	+0.13	..
French Growth	80.70	83.76	+0.14	...
Accum Units	86.46	89.74	+0.16	...
H Kong & China	90.87	94.32	-0.20	1.36
Intl Growth	59.35	61.60	+0.30	0.42
Accum Units	59.64	61.90	+0.30	0.42
Japan Perf	38.61	40.07	-0.16	...
Accum Units	38.61	40.07	-0.16	...
Japan Smaller Cos	30.45	32.36		...
Glob Emg Mkts	114.40	118.70*	-1.60	...
Accum Units	115.20	119.50*	-1.50	...
SE Asia	340.00	352.90	+0.50	0.37
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Income	92.81	96.33	+0.56	1.54
Intl Bond	54.25	54.84	+0.20	5.43

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JUPITER MERLIN UT MGRS LTD				
197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RB 071 581 3020				
American Cap	127.70	135.80	-0.90	...
Income	141.26	150.27†	+0.71	3.98
UK Growth	51.88	55.19*	+0.58	0.97
International	86.86	92.40*	+0.60	0.24
Ecology	78.15	83.12	+0.70	1.29
European	116.08	123.17	+0.17	...
Far Eastern	338.70	360.30	+0.10	...
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
10 Fenchurch Street London EC3 Dealers: 0277 227 300				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	50.82	54.06	-0.31	7.10
Gilt Yield	113.50	119.80	+0.30	7.13
Global Income	221.80	236.00*	-0.53	3.86
High Yield	139.20	148.10	-0.71	3.88
Smllr Cos Div	54.54	58.02*	+0.11	2.74
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	90.15	95.90	+0.79	...
North American	74.47	79.22	+0.35	0.25
European Special	100.49	106.90*	+0.50	0.14
European	157.70	167.80	+0.20	0.36
General	270.30	287.60	+2.50	3.13
Japan	475.10	505.40	+0.80	...
Japanese Special	291.20	309.80	-0.70	...
Master Accum	244.20	259.80	+0.80	0.83
Pacific	366.50	389.90	+2.70	0.22
Smaller Cos	112.50	119.70	+0.20	0.53
UK Equity Growth	40.90	43.51*	+0.12	1.55
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS				
161 New Bond Street, London W1Y 0LA 071 629 1683				
Global Inc & Gth	64.96	69.11	+0.32	...
Inv Trust	71.20	75.75	+0.37	...
Cautious Inc/Gth	60.13	63.97	+0.19	0.80
High Inc Acc	54.84	58.35	+0.44	3.50
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA 071 588 2800				
Income	595.00	607.10*	...	5.89
Intl & General	428.30	437.00	...	0.01
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966				
Inc & Growth Inc	55.34	58.87*	...	4.47
Smaller Cos	54.66	57.84	...	0.86
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623				
Growth Trust	247.10	262.90	+1.70	1.87
High Income	107.10	113.90*	+0.60	4.07
International	101.60	108.10*	+0.30	0.38
Recovery Trust	65.15	69.31	+0.79	1.54
European Trust	85.83	91.31	+0.28	0.58
Japanese Trust	49.71	52.88	...	...
American Trust	79.27	84.33	+0.79	...
Managed	67.81	72.14	-0.37	0.52
Cash	50.53	50.53	+0.01	3.96
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0916				
UK Cap	351.40	357.00*	...	2.52
UK Inc/Gth	376.90	382.20*	...	3.38
UK Income	265.50	269.60*	...	4.07
UK Sm Cos	238.50	247.50*	...	1.60
Euro Gwth	126.20	127.30	...	...
N Amer Gwth	78.44	77.21	...	0.12
Japan Growth	73.79	74.55	...	...
Money Mkt	119.72	119.72	...	2.300
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 380 Dealing: 0277 690 395				
Equity Dist	469.50	499.50	+3.90	2.56
Equity Income	97.38	103.60*	+0.40	3.80
UK Tactical Allocn	55.56	59.01*	+0.32	2.91
European	118.00	125.50*	+0.40	0.82
Far Eastern	250.90	266.90	-1.30	...
Fixed Interest	50.80	54.04*	+0.71	7.29
Gilt	87.82	93.13	+1.15	6.60
Global Growth	81.91	87.14	+0.28	0.84
Intl Bond	52.46	55.68	-0.22	4.74
Japanese	85.78	91.26	-0.47	...
North American	145.30	154.60*	-0.60	0.45
Pacific Growth	120.10	127.80	-0.30	...
UK Index	62.30	65.75	+0.54	3.03
UK Recovery	91.45	97.29	-0.51	1.79
UK Smaller Cos	120.90	128.60*	+0.70	1.19
US Index	57.84	61.04*	+0.24	1.79
European Index	74.91	79.08*	-0.26	1.56
Japan Index	46.00	48.55	-0.34	...
Worldwide	85.98	91.47	+0.33	1.27
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB 081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621				
Growth	49.60	53.09*	+0.60	1.68
Income	59.19	63.31†	+0.58	2.65
Far East	59.91	64.07	-0.42	...
North American	84.32	90.19	+0.33	...
Global	94.09	100.10	+0.63	0.12
European	89.79	96.03	+0.53	0.46
Japan	124.00	131.90	-0.90	...
Intl Currency Bd	57.77	61.22	...	4.11
SE Asia	119.30	127.60	-0.60	0.26
UK Cap Growth	91.79	98.17	+0.33	1.87
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
PO Box 63, Chatham, Kent ME4 4YB Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 313				
Balanced	341.50	363.40	+2.20	2.76
-do- Acc	766.20	815.20	+4.80	2.76
Cond Euro Gth	64.36	67.75	+0.23	0.70
-do- Acc	68.55	72.16	+0.24	0.70
Extra Inc	256.30	272.70	+1.80	3.87
-do- Acc	650.40	692.00	+4.50	3.87
German Gth	129.80	136.70	+0.10	0.22
-do- Acc	136.20	143.40	+0.20	0.22
Growth Port	542.10	576.80	-6.00	0.14
-do- Acc	546.70	581.60	-6.10	0.14
Income	-486.10	317.20	+3.20	3.67
-do- Acc	£12.84	£13.67	+8.00	3.67
Income Port	511.40	544.10	+3.40	4.15
-do- Acc	532.60	566.60	+3.70	4.15
Japan Growth	118.80	126.40	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	119.20	126.90	-0.40	...
Master Trust	58.03	61.74	+0.30	1.34
-do- Acc	64.79	68.93	+0.34	1.34
N American Gen	178.10	189.50	-0.60	...
-do- Acc	205.70	218.90	+0.80	...
NAm Sm Co Rec	128.70	137.00	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	131.40	139.80	+0.20	...
Pacific Basin	275.20	292.80	+0.50	0.24
-do- Acc	292.00	310.70	+0.70	0.24
Small Cos Rec	356.60	374.40	+1.20	2.13
-do- Acc	470.90	495.70	+1.40	2.13
UK Growth	85.44	90.90*	+0.50	2.40
-do- Acc	102.60	109.20	+0.60	2.40
Worldwide Gth	324.90	345.70	+0.20	0.21
-do- Acc	479.30	509.90	+0.40	0.21
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 623				
American	64.41	69.11*	+0.23	0.10
General	86.45	92.76	+0.62	2.30
Income	67.01	71.90	+0.29	5.10
International	66.42	71.27	+0.12	0.40
Japan	65.21	69.97*	-0.26	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	69.87	74.97	+0.32	1.50
M & G SECURITIES				
M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390				
Amer & General	391.50	414.00*	+1.50	0.71
(Accum Units)	486.00	513.90	+1.90	0.71
Amer Recovery	454.30	480.40	+3.30	0.32
(Accum Units)	520.80	550.70	+3.80	0.32
Amer Smllr Cos	123.90	130.60*	...	...
(Accum Units)	126.20	133.40	...	...
Australasian	171.50	181.40	-1.90	1.43
(Accum Units)	206.70	218.60	-2.30	1.43
Capital	817.40	864.40*	+6.50	2.15
(Accum Units)	928.70	982.10	+7.50	2.15
Charifund	685.60	692.50*	+3.20	5.34
(Accum Units)	£31.10	£31.42	-14.70	5.34
Commodity	400.40	423.40*	+2.00	0.33
(Accum Units)	587.10	620.80	+3.00	0.33
Compound Grth	930.10	983.60	+5.40	2.58
(Accum Units)	962.50	£10.18	+5.60	2.58
Dividend	39.80	42.10	+0.30	4.20
(Accum Units)	163.40	172.90	+1.10	4.20
Equity Income	346.50	366.40*	+2.10	4.72
(Accum Units)	441.00	466.30	+2.60	4.72
Euro & General	523.30	553.40*	+2.20	0.81
(Accum Units)	660.60	698.70	+2.80	0.81
Euro Dividend	72.30	76.50*	+0.30	3.35
(Accum Units)	86.30	91.20	+0.30	3.35
Extra Yield	419.00	439.90	+1.70	4.52
(Accum Units)	£12.61	£13.34	+5.10	4.52
Far Eastern	380.00	401.80	-2.20	0.36
(Accum Units)	502.00	530.80	-3.00	0.36
Fund of Inv Tsts	614.30	649.60	+7.40	1.68
(Accum Units)	£11.38	£12.04	+6.30	1.68
General	60.10	63.60*	+0.50	3.67
(Accum Units)	165.70	175.40	-1.30	3.67
Gilt Income	58.87	58.97*	+0.52	7.35
(Accum Units)	158.66	158.93	+1.38	7.35
Gold	68.70	72.60*	-0.60	0.74
(Accum Units)	81.10	85.80	-0.60	0.74
High Income	28.30	29.90	+0.20	4.46
(Accum Units)	111.30	117.80	+0.60	4.46
Intl Growth	79.60	84.20*	...	0.82
(Accum Units)	138.60	146.70	+0.10	0.82
International Inc	102.80	108.70	+0.10	4.25
(Accum Units)	148.60	157.10	+0.20	4.25
Japan & Gen	54.50	57.60	-0.30	...
(Accum Units)	58.50	61.80	-0.30	...
Japan Smlr Cos	197.40	208.80	-0.20	...
(Accum Units)	198.80	210.30	-0.20	...
Managed Income	27.60	29.00*	+0.20	3.89
Midland	65.10	68.80	+0.30	2.51
(Accum Units)	214.00	226.30	+0.80	2.51
Pension Ex	933.00	956.40	+5.60	4.00
Recovery	41.90	44.30*	+0.20	2.30
(Accum Units)	68.10	72.10	+0.40	2.30
Second General	70.30	74.30*	+0.20	3.37
(Accum Units)	179.30	189.60	+0.60	3.37
Smaller Cos	68.00	71.90*	+0.30	2.82
(Accum Units)	133.60	141.30	+0.60	2.82
Treasury	24.98	25.03*	+0.01	4.75
Trustee	41.80	44.20	+0.20	4.16
(Accum Units)	164.80	174.30	+0.80	4.16
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	84.22	89.59	+0.08	0.58
High Income	283.70	301.80	+2.00	4.44
Intl Bond	62.49	65.72	-0.02	5.99
Intl Equity Growth	72.51	77.13	+0.19	0.35
N Amer Growth	94.32	100.34	+0.13	0.87
Special Sits Growth	21.53	22.90	+0.12	1.68
UK Growth	370.20	393.80	+2.80	2.61

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MW INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD				
46 Court St, Haddington, E Lothian 062 082 5867				
Joint Investors	£12.71	£12.94	...	2.30
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
Maldon General	135.20	139.30	...	4.35
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD				
St George's Way, Stevenage Dealings: 0438 747 414				
Growth Units	191.10	204.40	+1.50	2.31
Gilt & Fxd Int	169.20	178.20	+2.30	6.81
Intl Growth	216.60	230.50	+0.10	0.20
North American	175.90	187.80*	-0.50	0.41
Far East	283.20	302.90*	-0.90	0.83
UK Smaller Cos	167.70	179.40	+0.50	1.71
European	84.37	89.73†	+0.34	0.22
Japanese Growth	54.30	57.70	-0.09	...
High Income	185.60	198.70	+1.20	4.39
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
PO Box 498, Chester X CH99 9QQ 0244 680 086				
M & S Inv Ptflio	149.90	159.50*	+0.69	2.11
-do- Accum	170.80	181.60*	+0.69	2.11
UK Sel Ptflio	127.70	135.80	+0.74	2.34
-do- Accum	146.00	156.20	-0.74	2.34
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
57 Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1LA 0204 364 542				
Managed Tst	64.97	69.12	...	3.97
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Saltire Crt, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh 031 479 4646				
Intl Income	73.06	77.56	+0.30	4.15
European	83.75	88.91	+0.57	0.39
Income & Growth	72.39	76.85*	+0.49	3.03
Nth American	58.34	61.90	+0.01	0.35
Far East	182.10	193.20	...	...
Japan	64.62	68.60	-0.12	...
Emging Mkts	114.40	122.40	+1.10	...
Intl Growth	113.50	120.50	+0.60	0.27
UK Growth	86.12	91.42	-0.90	0.31
UK Smlr Co	46.01	48.84	+0.06	0.54
Asian Opps Fd	41.98	44.90	+0.06	0.15
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Income	408.88	434.98	...	3.91
Global Inc	66.41	70.65	...	2.57
Brit Leaders	334.96	356.34	...	2.55
Intl Leaders	200.20	212.98	...	0.91
PAM Mg Bal Grth	63.84	66.33	+0.37	0.68
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33 King William St EC4R 9AS Dealing: 071 280 2860				
American	197.00	209.40	+1.00	...
(Accum Units)	210.50	223.80	+1.10	...
American Opps	87.82	93.67	+0.63	...
(Accum Units)	88.91	94.84	+0.64	...
British Blue Chip	79.25	84.29	-0.67	2.99
(Accum Units)	95.93	102.00	+0.80	2.99
Cash	100.20	100.20*	...	4.85
(Accum Units)*	135.10	135.10*	...	4.85
Emerging Mkts	122.90	132.20	+1.20	...
European Growth	251.90	266.70*	+1.00	0.60
(Accum Units)	271.90	287.80	+1.10	0.60
European Income	84.32	89.10*	-0.06	2.74
(Accum Units)	112.40	118.70*	-0.10	2.74
General	504.70	538.20	+3.60	2.25
(Accum Units)	978.00	1042	+7.00	2.25
Global Bond	122.70	129.00	+0.60	6.17
(Accum Units)	144.40	151.80	+0.60	6.17
Gold & General	203.60	218.90*	-2.30	0.43
(Accum Units)	209.00	224.70*	-2.30	0.43
Govt Securities	88.92	91.69*	+0.91	7.76
(Accum Units)	168.90	174.10*	+1.70	7.76
Income	149.20	158.60	+1.30	4.37
(Accum Units)	229.40	244.10	+2.00	4.37
International	465.50	495.40	+0.50	0.56
(Accum Units)	620.80	660.80	+0.70	0.56
Japan	217.20	230.10	-1.10	...
(Accum Units)	222.90	236.20	-1.10	...
New Europe	179.90	191.90	+0.80	1.35
(Accum Units)	183.90	196.20	+0.80	1.35
Pacific	127.20	135.70*	+0.40	0.62
(Accum Units)	136.30	145.40*	+0.40	0.62
Recovery	312.50	333.30	+2.00	2.69
(Accum Units)	397.20	423.70	+2.50	2.69
UK Smaller Cos	57.45	61.28	+0.30	1.78
(Accum Units)	64.58	68.89	+0.34	1.78
Portfolio	80.86	86.01	+0.57	2.63
(Accum Units)	94.06	100.00	+0.61	2.63
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	116.93	124.39	+0.67	0.86
Intl Strategy	68.23	72.59	+0.32	0.07
UK Income Inc	76.19	81.05	+0.59	4.62
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
International (US$)	11.64	12.38	...	...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gwth	306.70	325.90	+0.90	...
European Gth Inc	410.90	438.40	+3.20	0.28
Intl Gwth	198.30	211.60	...	...
UK Equity Inc	177.50	189.40	+1.30	2.99
UK Ind Trckr Inc	156.00	166.90*	+1.20	2.69
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	192.10	209.60	+0.50	1.40
Japan Tracker	84.42	89.40	-0.75	...
Asian Trader	219.30	236.50	+0.20	0.25
Managed Inc	152.40	163.80	+0.90	1.53
Deposit Inc	99.16	99.16*	...	4.67
Europa	183.70	197.10*	-0.50	0.26
Genesis	151.40	165.50	+0.40	2.30
High Income	22.01	23.36	...	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 933				
Acumen	94.81	97.02	+0.48	2.19
Acumen Inc	90.74	92.85	+0.46	2.19
Acumen Reserve	80.43	81.23*	+0.67	7.31
-do- Inc	71.26	71.98*	+0.60	7.31
Americas Growth	167.10	172.00*	+1.40	0.78
Cash Income	49.51	49.51*	+0.01	4.32
Equity Income	96.04	98.50	+0.68	4.32
European	74.98	76.58	+0.02	0.33
Smaller Cos	77.00	80.46	+0.06	1.08
Olympiad	69.87	71.62*	+0.13	...
Global Bond	44.26	44.72*	+0.29	7.06
UK Growth	92.02	94.55	+0.47	1.75
Pacific Growth	111.60	115.00*	-0.10	...
Japan Growth	106.70	108.30*	-0.50	...
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Avon Equity	119.11	126.71*	+0.60	2.84
For NM Funds see Friends Provident				
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5522				
UK Growth	72.53	77.17*	+0.41	2.16
UK Income	107.50	114.40	+0.80	3.75
Gilt & Fixed Int	69.50	73.55	+0.68	6.17
Higher Income	218.30	232.30*	+1.60	4.66
Smaller Cos	81.75	86.97	+0.12	1.81
International	98.20	104.47	+0.55	1.74
NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD				
48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Americas Dist	104.30	111.60	+0.50	...
European Dist	113.30	121.20	...	...
Far East Dist	199.40	213.30*	-0.80	...
Global Care Dist	67.06	71.72	+0.30	2.08
Oseas Dist	£10.69	£11.44	+1.10	...
UK Dist	340.20	363.90	-2.70	2.71
UK Extra Inc Dist	75.99	81.27*	+0.47	4.12
Wwide Dist	108.90	116.40	+0.30	...
Wwide Inc Dist	70.90	75.83	+0.29	2.16
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Dlg: 0277 690 290 Admin: 0277 690 398				
Europe Inc	65.13	68.74	+0.33	0.47
Fund of Funds Inc	58.75	63.00*	+0.21	0.84
North America Inc	47.52	50.15	+0.14	0.52
UK Equity Grth Inc	58.98	62.25	+0.42	2.01
UK General Inc	57.49	60.68	+0.48	2.47
UK Glt/Fix Int Inc	46.19	48.64*	+0.48	7.22
UK Income Inc	57.42	60.60*	+0.44	2.97
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR Dealer: 0500 440 000 Private client: 0500 550 000 Broker: 0500 660 000 Price enquiry freephone 0500 33 00 00				
Income	225.23	239.61†	+1.93	3.73
Global	344.07	366.04	+3.19	1.03
General	188.70	200.75*	+1.44	2.16
Bond	119.02	126.37	+0.61	7.09
Growth	124.23	132.17	+1.12	2.62
Intrepid	118.65	123.60	...	1.70
Bridge Fund	86.67	92.21	+1.21	...
Distributor	91.02	96.83	+0.83	3.92
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
PO Box 124, Surrey Street, Norwich 0603 682 234				
Master Trust	124.10	132.00	+0.84	1.76
UK Equity	139.49	148.39	+1.03	2.83
UK Equity Income	131.76	140.17	+1.19	3.23
UK Smaller Cos	117.80	125.32*	+0.26	1.58
UK Equity Growth	128.53	136.73	+0.88	2.14
UK Index Trckg	139.47	148.37	+2.33	3.40
Intl Index Trckg	147.18	156.57	-0.03	1.03
International	239.31	254.58	+0.25	0.36
European	198.51	211.18*	+1.25	0.19
Pan European	134.40	142.98	+0.90	1.24
Nth American	158.14	168.23	+0.14	0.64
N Amer Smlr Cos	176.00	187.23*	+1.17	...
Japanese	108.59	115.52*	-0.47	...
Pacific	251.09	267.12	-0.45	0.06
South East Asian	271.16	288.47	+0.74	0.23
Intl Bond	128.27	136.38*	+0.15	4.96
Gilt & Convertible	102.06	108.48*	+0.75	6.45
Property	87.14	92.70	+0.13	5.00
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 517 Enq: 0733 470 470				
Equity	237.80	253.00	+1.70	2.40
Growth	153.20	161.20	-1.00	2.49
Income	239.10	254.30	-1.50	3.56
Intl Equity	258.40	274.80	-0.20	0.70
UK Income	65.49	69.67*	+0.47	3.22
UK Intl 25	79.28	84.34	+0.41	1.80
New Europe	82.29	87.53	-0.30	0.10
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000				
Intl Gwth	612.57	655.16	+3.13	0.45
Income	329.36	352.26	+0.40	3.39
Wwide Recovery	389.17	416.23	+0.71	0.23
Amer Growth Inc	213.58	228.43	+0.16	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	250.36	267.77	+0.31	0.13
Far Esrn Grth Inc	306.93	328.34	-0.39	0.14
Euro Gwth Inc	145.40	155.51	-0.89	0.66
UK Growth Inc	83.86	89.70	+0.19	2.74
High Income	90.52	96.82*	+0.13	4.21
Jap Gwth Inc	261.48	278.33	+0.49	0.01
PEP Growth	120.44	128.82	+0.32	0.81
Asian Sir Mkts Inc	131.63	140.79	-0.52	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	123.83	132.44	-0.49	0.01
Global Bond	55.58	56.52	...	5.73
UK Smaller Cos Inc	78.43	83.89*	+0.20	1.20
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
39 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6RQ 091 281 3927				
American	97.82	104.06	+0.64	..
European	71.77	76.35	+0.63	..
Global	67.84	72.17	+0.46	..
Pacific	68.60	73.07	+0.37	...
UK Inc & Grth	64.20	68.30	+0.33	2.00
POINTON YORK UT MGRS				
The Crescent, King St, Leicester LE1 6RX 0533 539 540				
BRI Director Digs	99.78	106.26	+1.35	0.75
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Portfolio	159.25	166.58*	...	0.64
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
37 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458 721				
Monthly Income	57.90	61.37	-0.05	2.46
Growth Income	62.93	66.70	+0.37	1.78
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN 0732 740 700				
Principal Tst	129.59	137.87	+0.46	1.73

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook EC4N 8LD Enquiries: 071 280 3780 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	92.82	98.75*	+0.57	3.44
Conv & Gilt	116.80	124.30	+0.70	5.87
European Income	77.80	82.77	-0.08	2.68
Extra Income	152.40	162.20*	+1.00	3.79
Far East	428.50	455.80	-2.00	0.25
Global Income	26.16	27.83*	-0.07	4.40
High Income	117.20	124.70	+0.70	3.39
International	215.60	229.30	-1.50	0.51
Pref & Fxd Int	41.45	44.09†	+0.22	7.38
Recovery	76.39	81.27	+0.35	2.35
Special Sits	105.30	112.00	+0.30	1.23
Technology	302.10	321.40	+1.70	...
UK Blue Chip	69.39	73.82	+0.39	2.80
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX 0622 674 751				
General	52.44	55.79	+0.52	2.14
International	93.66	99.64	+0.28	0.36
Gilt	24.51	25.27†	+0.18	6.47
Income & Gwth	70.66	75.17*	-0.82	5.32
European	54.71	58.20	+0.26	0.40
American	52.16	55.49*	-0.34	...
Emerging Mkts	89.95	95.69*	+0.87	0.05
UK Smaller Cos	31.10	33.09	+0.24	2.12
Gilt/Fixed Interest	25.30	26.92	+0.23	6.76
Global PEP	40.95	43.56	+0.34	1.13
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD				
2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768 888				
European Inc	276.40	296.10	+1.20	0.75
Japan Inc	122.50	130.80	-0.20	...
Nth American Inc	105.20	113.70*	+1.20	0.12
Worldwide Inc	170.70	183.40	-0.50	0.69
Hong Kong Inc	150.90	161.90*	-1.40	0.20
Swiss Equities Inc	66.92	71.67	+0.46	0.36
Wwide Bond Inc	60.03	63.50	+0.27	5.48
Emging Asia Inc	215.00	233.50	+0.20	0.42
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.01	50.01*	...	4.93
Thailand Inc	164.90	177.70	+1.50	0.74
Gold Trust Inc	78.59	84.93*	-0.66	0.15
New Zealand Inc	88.14	94.69	-0.21	1.14
Int Mngd PEP Inc	66.69	71.83	+0.25	1.68
Latin Am Cmp Inc	85.91	92.73	+2.01	0.03
UK All Sh Mitr Inc	57.80	62.03	+0.47	2.17
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	81.05	86.68	+0.54	1.46
Global Portfolio	73.16	78.25	+1.84	...
Global Opps	74.73	79.93	+0.55	0.43
Marsh Global Grth	70.73	75.01	+0.20	1.82
AAM Global Equity	56.73	60.35	-1.22	0.76
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	87.94	94.59	+0.71	0.94
CAM Int Recy Inc	44.67	46.90	...	1.04
Temple Equity Inc	45.76	49.85†	-0.26	2.88
Hartley Growth	75.83	80.67	+0.26	0.57
Intl Growth Inc	84.68	90.57	-0.19	1.45
IPS Portfolio Inc	88.00	94.12	+0.46	0.22
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	47.00	48.43	-0.07	2.66
Premier Perfms Inc	67.73	72.44*	+0.39	0.92
Boxburgh Strat Gth	73.81	78.94	+0.48	0.34
Tech Analysis	103.40	110.00	+0.50	0.31
Rosebery Growth	46.40	50.35	+0.08	...
International Strat	78.56	84.02	+0.64	...
UFC Ind-Act Grth	55.53	59.63	+0.52	...
Coverdale Topour	52.17	56.34	+0.44	...
Prem Equity Inc	108.70	114.40	...	...
Lowes Intl Growth	48.05	50.58*	-0.37	1.13
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
25-31 Moorgate, London EC2R 6BA 071 588 3963				
Equity Gth	170.00	180.90	+1.40	1.36
European Gth	100.50	106.50	+0.90	0.15
Income & Gth	134.10	142.70	+1.20	2.82
Japan Gth	134.80	142.70	-0.40	...
Nth Amer Gth	113.90	121.20	-0.10	0.16
Overseas Gth	92.04	97.77	+0.15	...
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51-59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4490 Intermed dlg: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925 091				
Managed Tst	37.35	39.94	+0.07	1.48
Cash Haven Inc	101.50	102.00	+0.01	3.82
Cash Haven Acc	109.47	110.00	...	3.82
Dist Trust Inc	94.86	101.45*	+0.81	4.31
Dist Trust Acc	95.85	102.51*	-0.82	4.31
Global Growth	89.08	95.27*	+0.25	1.15
Equity Inc	81.74	87.42	+0.67	3.62
Equity	713.46	763.05	+5.40	2.75
European	216.78	231.84	+0.90	0.71
High Income	87.12	93.17*	+0.88	4.88
Intl Grth	183.93	196.71*	-0.33	0.83
Intl Sm Co	80.36	85.94	-0.15	0.38
Japanese	241.27	258.04	-1.95	...
Nth Amer	159.43	170.27	-0.51	1.78
Pacific Mkts	106.58	113.98*	-0.71	0.73
Premier Inc	46.94	48.86*	-0.58	4.78
Sm Cos	88.61	94.77	+0.28	1.48
Spec Sits	107.22	114.67*	+0.79	2.41
UK Growth	120.08	128.42	...	2.53
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent 0892 510 033				
British Life	303.60	322.00	+1.80	3.16
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD				
Balmain House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NG 091 285 2555				
Managed	96.70	102.60	+1.20	2.04
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4 Dealers: 071 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	499.36	531.80*	+2.83	0.51
FA America (Acc)	595.07	623.06	+3.32	0.51
FA UK Equity Inc	155.08	165.35	+1.06	3.48
FA Japan	296.60	315.90	-2.87	...
FA Major UK Cos	93.70	99.80*	+0.77	2.34
FA Smllr UK Cos	292.86	318.86	+1.27	0.91
FA European	325.46	343.85	+1.50	0.46
FA Amer Smllr Cos	43.22	46.35	+0.16	...
FA Asia	51.01	54.79	+0.04	...
FA Jap Smllr Cos	61.49	65.85	-0.32	...
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	93.29	98.19	+0.75	...
UK Smllr Cos	83.62	88.01	+0.34	...
UK Income	91.12	95.91	+0.61	...
America	100.36	105.63	+0.55	...
Japanese	65.15	68.57	-0.62	...
European	103.42	108.85	+0.46	...
Gilt	83.76	88.16	+0.92	...
Deposit	81.19	85.46	+0.01	...
Managed	97.93	103.07	+0.62	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	90.91	95.69	+0.73	...
UK Smaller Cos	81.80	86.10	+0.35	...
UK Income	88.98	93.66	+0.60	...
America	97.80	102.94	+0.55	...
Japanese	63.52	66.86	-0.61	...
European	100.86	106.16	+0.46	...
Gilt	82.81	87.16	+0.99	...
Deposit	77.44	81.51	+0.01	...
Managed	92.85	97.73	+0.72	...
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 0UE Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000 Dealing: 0733 393 000				
United States	73.91	78.94	+0.16	0.11
Pacific Basin	88.69	95.18	-0.29	...
High Inc Dist	127.00	135.80	+0.90	4.91
Ryl Life Int Ctnry	59.02	62.74	-0.47	3.78
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	70.33	75.05*	-0.03	0.32
Ryl Life Intl Spec	66.42	70.65	+0.04	...
UK Emerging Cos	123.60	133.60	+0.70	1.15
UK Index Trckg	159.40	169.80	+0.10	3.18
European	132.00	141.60	+0.60	0.27
Managed	146.70	157.70	+0.70	0.81
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Royal Ldn Hse, Colchester C01 1RA 0206 764 400				
American Growth	143.00	151.30*	-0.30	0.33
European Growth	115.30	121.90	+0.90	0.64
Far East Growth	137.60	146.40*	-1.40	0.23
Japan Growth	153.80	163.70	-1.00	...
Special Sits	191.00	203.10	+0.70	1.31
UK Growth	75.86	80.70	+1.29	2.25
Trilon General	244.20	259.80	+1.20	0.61
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NS 041 307 6500				
Far East Inc	180.70	191.20	...	0.23
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	346.70	366.90	+1.10	0.30
Growth Inc	135.30	143.20	+1.00	0.33
International Inc	345.70	365.80	+2.00	0.11
Nth Am & Intl Inc	315.60	334.00	+3.80	0.06
UK Gen Prog Inc	213.60	226.00	+0.60	1.23
UK High Inc Inc	133.20	141.00	+1.00	3.86
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DJ 071 330 0572				
American Gwth	63.92	68.00	+0.83	...
Amer Smllr Cos	78.60	83.61	+0.98	...
Asian Gwth	118.15	125.69	-0.51	0.75
European Gwth	71.12	75.66	+0.13	1.00
Global Bd	58.72	62.06	+0.18	5.00
Global Eq	68.62	73.21	+0.26	0.50
Japanese Eq	63.73	67.79	-0.47	...
Japan Sm Cos	75.29	80.09	-0.25	...
UK Gen	53.42	56.83	+0.22	2.80
UK Gwth	58.23	61.94	+0.45	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth	67.97	72.31	+0.41	4.14
Amer Smllr Cos	102.60	109.10	-0.20	...
Asian Smaller Cos	51.21	54.48	-0.31	...
Capital Portfolio	127.80	136.00	+2.30	2.25
Capital	166.10	176.70	+1.20	0.40
Cash	123.80	123.80	...	4.45
China Dragon	66.28	70.51	-0.56	0.35
Commodity	135.70	144.40	...	0.50
Eastern Discovery	111.90	119.00	-1.0	...
Energy Inds	132.90	141.40	-0.70	0.35
European Gwth	196.30	208.80	-1.60	0.03
Euro Inc & Gwth	79.25	84.31*	+0.36	1.52
Euro Smllr Cos	53.87	57.31	+0.15	...
Financial Secs	195.40	207.90	+1.0	0.58
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	48.54	51.22	+0.12	8.84
Gold & Exploration	85.64	91.11	-0.20	...
High Return	225.80	240.20*	+1.60	4.17
High Yield	225.90	240.30	+1.80	3.90
Income	118.40	126.00*	+0.90	4.30
Intl Bond	163.10	172.30	-0.10	5.46
ITU	209.90	223.30	+1.10	0.69
Japan Growth	198.40	211.10	-0.40	...
Japan Smaller	229.50	244.20	-0.40	...
Korea	75.66	80.49	-0.44	...
Masterfund	57.38	61.04	+0.18	0.54
Scotbits	292.00	310.60*	+1.60	0.76
Scotshares	286.70	305.00	+2.10	2.37
Scotyields	243.50	259.00	+2.50	3.48
Select Intl	150.00	159.60	+0.80	0.43
Smaller Cos Inc	253.30	271.60	+0.90	3.11
SE Asia	603.30	641.80	+0.70	...
Special Situation	123.60	131.50	+1.30	0.17
UK Equity	240.30	255.60*	+2.20	2.86
UK Growth	63.23	67.27	+0.75	1.56
UK Smllr Cos Gwth	47.86	50.91	+0.13	0.69
US Growth	143.00	152.10	+0.30	0.41
Univ Growth	148.70	158.20	+0.60	0.66
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries: 071 382 3800				
Retail Funds				
American	243.42	258.76	-1.18	0.78
European Gwth	76.93	81.90	-0.04	0.88
Euro Smllr Cos	78.27	83.48	-0.48	0.11
Far Eastern Gth	101.91	108.70*	-0.46	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	50.29	53.02	+0.27	7.30
Global Bond	49.71	51.37*	+0.19	5.30
Global Emer Mkts	57.81	61.60	+0.80	...
Income	351.86	375.31	+2.20	3.75
Japan Smllr Cos	576.43	614.85*	+0.15	...
Japan Enterprise	78.03	83.23	+0.02	...
Pacific Gwth	138.72	147.96*	+0.26	0.16
Seoul	53.80	57.87	-0.12	...
Smaller Cos	210.13	224.13	+0.79	0.72
Tokyo	135.94	145.00	-0.25	...
UK Enterprise	250.15	266.82*	+1.59	2.30
UK Equity	237.09	252.89*	+1.30	2.78
US Smllr Cos	149.09	159.02	-0.07	...
World Fd	80.37	85.72*	+0.27	1.78
Institutional Funds				
European	240.23	250.18*	+0.93	1.33
Euro Smllr Cos	30.46	31.72	+0.11	1.45
Global Equity Inc	79.79	83.11	+0.27	0.62
Japan Smllr Cos	45.05	46.92*	-0.29	...
Mngd Balanced	186.30	194.06	+0.74	2.56
Overseas Equity	195.19	203.32*	-0.04	0.60
Oseas Smllr Cos	131.80	137.29	+0.05	0.31
Pacific	261.03	271.90	-1.73	0.87
Recovery	£18.70	£19.69*	+9.48	2.65
UK Index	152.84	159.20	+1.17	3.24
UK Small Cos	115.62	120.43	+0.36	2.34
US Smllr Cos	42.96	44.75	-0.07	0.35

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SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.76	3.25
Equity Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1.09	3.90
Equity Strategy	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.95	1.42
European Opps	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1.48	0.61
UK Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.30	1.05
Maximum Inc	98.76	[illegible]	+0.03	5.40
Japanese	86.70	[illegible]	-0.44	...
Asia Pacific	132.27	140.87	-0.11	0.49
American	100.13	106.64	+0.32	0.43
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
28 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 0800 454 422				
Cash	30.32	30.38	+0.01	4.400
UK General Inc	50.59	53.86	+0.48	2.77
Intl Income	292.80	312.30	+3.20	0.80
European	81.09	86.43	+0.80	1.45
Japan	77.28	81.81	+0.96	0.05
American	64.87	68.60	-0.96	2.04
Far East	94.15	100.49	+2.22	0.76
Ethical Inc	30.19	32.29	+0.16	2.16
UK Blue Chip Inc	32.40	34.62	+0.35	2.41
High Inc Inc	36.10	38.57	+0.21	3.07
UK Global Inc	41.08	43.77	+0.43	1.56
Wwide Tact	26.65	27.98	+1.02	0.79
Europe 2000 Tact	54.90	58.19	+0.42	1.33
Technology	100.12	106.47	+1.54	1.08
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	377.00	402.30	+4.30	2.81
American	254.50	270.40	+1.20	0.38
Pacific	420.90	450.20	-3.10	0.36
European	553.80	592.40	+3.10	1.08
Worldwide	91.02	97.35	+0.48	0.61
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	270.40	287.70	+2.60	2.17
UK Str Co Eq Inc	195.60	208.30	+0.30	1.56
Select Oppnty Inc	66.43	71.08	+0.43	2.21
Income Plus Inc	72.92	77.58	+0.94	3.66
European Inc	357.90	380.80	+1.30	1.06
Far Eastern Inc	185.00	196.90	-1.50	0.72
Japanese Inc	70.00	74.47	-0.43	...
Nth American Inc	240.00	255.40	+1.30	0.57
Intl Growth Inc	208.20	222.10	...	0.73
Wwide Venture Inc	81.46	86.67	+0.40	0.69
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CINEMA: The latest sickly comedy from a child star with growing pains gives **Geoff Brown** indigestion

Big Mac is a hard act to swallow



Ted Danson and Macaulay Culkin in *Getting Even With Dad*: "you will search in vain here for the wide-eyed imp who ran riot in *Home Alone*"

For the millions of adults around the world impatiently awaiting the golden day when Macaulay Culkin's voice breaks, **Getting Even With Dad** brings encouraging news. He already looks the awkward teenager: the hair hangs down to the shoulders, the expression is sullen. Acne must be imminent.

The moppet superstar may, of course, manure into a useful adult actor, though the signs are not encouraging. His behaviour grows more disengaged, his vocal tones flatter, with every film. You search in vain in this queasy family comedy for the wide-eyed imp who ran riot in *Home Alone*. True, at one point he puts two lemonade straws up his nostrils, but that may not be quite enough mayhem to satisfy his young fans.

Even if Mac's performance lit up the sky like Las Vegas the film would still have problems. "You can wait for years for a script as good as this to land on your desk," one of the producers told the PR machine. "Good" needs drastic redefinition if it fits this indigestible potage of *Home Alone* leftovers, tourist wanderings through San Francisco, and the bonding rituals of a wayward father and neglected son.

Dad is Ted Danson, plus ponytail: a petty crook anxious for one last robbery to let him buy a bakery business. Mac, farmed out to a flighty aunt during his last spell in prison, is suddenly parked on the doorstep. Pocketing the robbery's haul, the boy blackmails dad into spending "quality time" at aquariums, amusement parks, even an art gallery.

At first Danson's fellow conspirators react sensibly to Mac's arrival: "I say we hang him from the roof by his ankles." Alas, such indignities happen to themselves, never to Mac; and Saul Rubinek and Gailard Sartain prove tedious stand-ins for the bungling burglars of *Home Alone*.

Director Howard Deutch, best known for his first film *Pretty in Pink*, proves powerless to hold the film together. *Saccharine one moment, dully farcical the next, Getting Even with Dad* wanders about for nearly two hours in search of a reason for being. Culkin alone is just not sufficient any more.

The Last Seduction, by contrast, has the hard, gleaming shape of a film that knows its purpose exactly. So does the heroine: she wants money, and will use every ounce of her mind and body to get it. Linda Fiorentino's Bridget Gregory is the kind of New York girl who treats men like dirt, swears up a storm, and happily stubs out her cigarette in an apple pie decorated with "Love, Grandma". Not since the scheming ladies of Forties thrillers have we seen a woman so enjoyably lacking the milk of human kindness.

Many modern thrillers which ape *film noir* share the self-conscious air of a college exercise. But director John Dahl, climbing the budget ladder after *Kill Me Again* and *Red Rock West*, moves way beyond cold pastiche. From an ingenious script by a promising new writer, Steve Barancik, he creates a rude, mean film that moves with a panther's prowl and leaves the audience transfixed.

Fiorentino wins her money early, escaping with the $700,000 her intern husband Bill Pullman raked in from a drugs deal. But how can she keep him off her trail? Hiding out in a one-horse town whose citizens make her wince by wishing each other good morning, she inveigles Peter Berg's insurance valuer into her arms, plots a murder, and sets him up as the fall guy.

Barancik's script proceeds through so many twists that the straight, simple ending may feel like a disappointment. Where is the sting in the tail? *This is the only drawback, though, to an abrasive, amoral romp, cunningly planned, confidently executed, smartly performed by actors revelling in the chance to show their nastier sides.*

Fiorentino, her voice pitched at an icy whisper, could even give the Barbara Stanwyck of *Double Indemnity* a lesson in female thuggery. While never playing for sympathy, she also conveys the feeling that worms like those around her deserve to be trodden into the ground. *The Last Seduction*, the week's most immediately enjoyable film, may not aim at the moon, but it hits its lowdown target almost in the bull's eye.

For subtler pleasures, book your seats for **We Don't Want to Talk About It**, an entrancing fable from one of Argentina's most accomplished *directors, Maria Luisa* Bemberg. On the surface, this film should set teeth on edge: in an undefined town in an undefined time, Marcello Mastroianni practises his wry, faded twinkle, falls in love with a dwarfish girl years his junior (Alejandra Podesta), and keeps a pet monkey called Richelieu. To make matters worse, a circus visits.

But instead of being gluttinously fey, the film is suffused with a genuine sense of wonder. Soothed and beguiled by the pale, sunny colours of Felix Monti's camera and Nicola Piovani's lilting music, we step into a quasi-dream world, accepting without qualms the bizarre events that Bemberg relates. Fiercely proud of her gifted, diminutive daughter Charlotte, the widowed Leonor (Luisina Brando) turns a blind eye to the lack of *inches. As she brusquely tells* the priest after destroying a neighbour's gnome collection, "We don't want to talk about it".

Bemberg adopts the same tactic. When Mastroianni's much-travelled man of mystery ("Name me a place and I've been there") falls for the midget and not the handsome widow, no awkward questions are asked. The film simply moves on, gathering emotional vibrations, slipping black humour into the mix when the town's stroke-impaired mayor dies during the wedding and is kept on ice. Sadness too: we join Charlotte's mother in feeling the threat to her daughter's life when a circus, dwarfs included, arrives in town.

The film carries a dedication: "To all people who have the courage to be 'different' in order to be themselves". Such *lofty words, however, belong* more to Bemberg's past work as a committed feminist than to this gentle, loving dream play. When Mastroianni launches into a romantic song, or when Charlotte rides round the stables on her gleaming white horse, you never feel an agenda at work. Instead you feel magic.

John Greyson, a Canadian director from the wild fringes who populated *Urinal* with Sergei Eisenstein, Dorian Gray and other famous gay men goes bodysnatching again in **Zero Patience**, a didactic musical about Aids. He imagines the Victorian adventurer Sir Richard Burton alive and well aged 170, curating a museum exhibition about diseases. Next out of the coffin comes Patient Zero, the promiscuous flight attendant once singled out by an excited *media as the epidemic's root* cause. Through song, dance and humour, Aids myths are vigorously debunked: ultimately, Greyson points the finger nowhere.

Clearly he means well. But any pleasure in seeing prickly issues cheerfully aired is undermined by the script's cumbersome conceits and the cast's lack of zing. As impersonated by John Robinson, Burton soon becomes annoying; while the novelty value of dancing blood cells and duetting male bottoms lasts a few seconds. If you suffer from zero patience yourself, you haven't a chance.

The National Film Theatre is not the temple of discovery it once was, but occasionally some treasures surface. This August brings the extraordinary spectacle of **Shakespeare** plays in dumbshow, crammed *into a few reels or less for a* silent cinema eager for cultural prestige. One date for your diary is August 11, when a recent archive discovery, Herbert Beerbohm Tree's snatch of *King John*, will be unveiled. Shot on the Victoria Embankment in 1899, this was the world's first Shakespeare film: how fitting that the tableau depicted, King John signing Magna Carta, is entirely spurious.

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Didactic Aids musical

Silent Shakespeare season
National Film Theatre
Treasures in dumbshow

Global ambitions in the North

Yorkshire will rival London if a plan to reconstruct Shakespeare's theatre goes ahead, reports **Sue Mapp**

Deep in the Yorkshire Wolds a farming valley will soon echo to the clashing of swords and the plucking of lutes. A replica Elizabethan courtyard theatre is to rise among the hayfields and hedgerows and become a centrepiece for Shakespeare and his contemporaries in the North of England.

The White Rose Globe Centre, scheduled to open next year on Shakespeare's birthday, April 23, will present in succession all 37 of the Bard's plays, 26 in the first production year alone. Not only will the plays be seen by the public; they will also be video-recorded by hidden cameras built into the structure of the building, to make the world's first *complete visual collection of* his works. For the recordings, student audiences will be dressed in period costume and coached in ribald Elizabethan catcalls to make Shakespeare, in the impresario's words, "a living experience".

There will be two resident professional companies, each ten-strong. York-born Dame Judi Dench, a founder patron, hopes to participate in at least one production.

The 180-seat theatre, with its roof of English oak, its tiered galleries, thatched winch house and Yorkshire-flagstone yard, will resemble the *London courtyard theatres* behind Belle Savage's Tavern on Ludgate Hill and The Four Swans at Dulwich. But, unlike these, it will avoid the hazards of the English climate. A glass roof will shelter the actors.

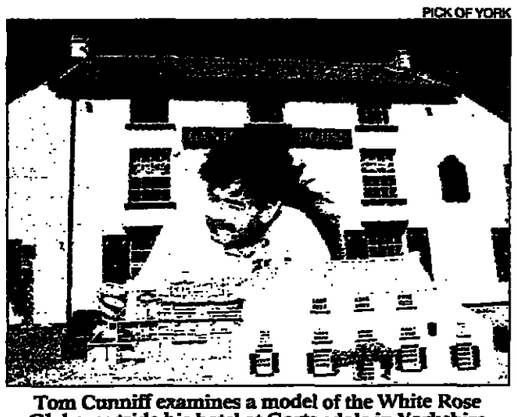
The theatre is the inspiration of the 45-year-old Yorkshire writer and "frustrated actor" Tom Cunniff, who runs Gantondale House, a small 17th-century hotel near the village of Staxton, seven miles from Scarborough. Enamoured with the area and wanting to share it, he struck on the idea of designing the courtyard theatre to stand adjacent to his hotel. As in Elizabethan times, the actors will dress in a "tiring" room of the hotel.

Cunniff, who will be the producer, has so far raised £1.2 million of the £1.5 million needed for the enterprise from private, corporate and public sponsorship, with promises from Yorkshire local authorities and the Rural Development Commission. More money is needed before building can begin and further fund-raising will include a theatrical auction, for which Sir John Gielgud has already sent his annotated *Inspector Morse* script.

The theatre will take only five and a half months to build and a detailed model has been constructed by the York architect Keith Groom. Productions will be text-centred, simple and intimate, with some of the audience, says Cunniff, "almost able to reach out and touch the actors".

There will be emphasis on Shakespeare's bawdy humour which, he claims, "is often completely lost these days through lack of understanding. Shakespeare was considered lewd, crude and crass."

PICK OF YORK



Tom Cunniff examines a model of the White Rose Globe, outside his hotel at Gartondale in Yorkshire

The White Rose has been welcomed by actress Zoë Wanamaker, daughter of the late Sam Wanamaker, whose reconstruction of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre at Southwark in London is nearing completion. "It is marvellous to see the North of England going its own way with a project to recreate an Elizabethan theatre which is not just a repetition of what is happening in London," she says. "I'm sure that my father would have given it every encouragement."

An early-music specialist will be engaged to ensure that the music of the plays, using original instruments, as far as possible, will sound as it did to Elizabethan ears. The White Rose will have six music graduates as resident musicians and will be a concert venue, not least during the music festivals of York, Ryedale and Beverley.

It will also be the scene of high-tech interactive education, targeting 120,000 northern children studying Shakespeare as part of the national curriculum. They will be able to attend workshops, seminars and lectures in a full education programme.

What's more, a Compact Disc Interactive made at the theatre will enable students and teachers in their own schools to focus on particular scenes or plays in detail. "Using a three-dimensional, animated and interactive model of the stage, and with added information spliced in, you *will be able to get inside the* heads of the characters and look at them from different perspectives as they speak," explains Cunniff.

Getting inside the head of Richard III is bound to be controversial. Cunniff has picked *Richard III* to open the White Rose for two reasons: next year is the 400th anniversary of the first production of this play; and the hunchbacked king has so many associations with, and such a strong following in, Yorkshire and the North. Alan Rickman would be Cunniff's first choice as Richard.

Once all the Shakespeare plays are on video, the White Rose plans to branch out into Marlowe and Jonson. But should he ever run into financial problems, he has only to gather hotel sheets and weave some nearby privet into wreaths, and he has *Julius Caesar*.

● *Tom Cunniff is at Gantondale House, Gantondale, near Scarborough, YO12 4TH*

TELEVISION: A harrowing dramatisation of a mother's dilemma

Killing with kindness

If last night's BBC2 play, **Suffer the Little Children**, was not literally true — and even the *Radio Times* seemed vague on the subject — it carried the conviction of the documentary it was designed to resemble. There could be no argument about the extraordinary realism of Jack Emery's text and of Jane Horrocks's *acting, not to mention the* police-station setting. The author had clearly done all the necessary looking and listening. He knew his doctors, hospitals, sick babies and stricken mothers.

Horrocks played Deborah, who had given birth to two children suffering from spinal muscular atrophy, precipitated the second's death, and then herself tried unsuccessfully to commit suicide. There was a moment when we saw her interview from above, video-eye's-view, in one of those depersonalising grey-and-grey pictures that became familiar during the Jamie Bulger case. There were also occasional cuts to the faces of not-unsympathetic police officers. *But mostly Horrocks sat* before a camera, telling her awful tale with no hint of self-dramatisation or self-pity.

First, her subject was Daniel, who was born with a squashed head and rigid joints and died at eight months. Then came Michael, whose condition was at first worse, since he contracted meningitis and suffered what the doctors thought massive brain damage. Yet Deborah managed to get him home, where, as she said, "he were a really nice baby, smiling and shouting and watching telly and taking notice of everything".

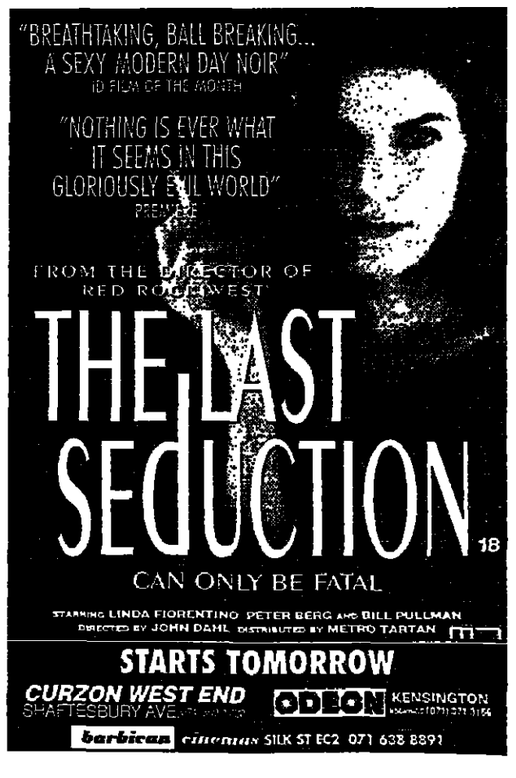
In cases of mercy-killing, it is vital the evidence is not tilted, and I don't think it was. Emery's point was that Deborah understood more about her sons than doctors who, unsurprisingly, did not see them as great medical priorities. She knew when a bone was broken or a chest had to be drained or a stomach needed filling, and they didn't always. She refused to accept *the suggestion, perfectly valid* by current guidelines, that Michael should be left quietly to die. She kept him alive over medical objections — and then was accused of manslaughter for giving him a killer-dose of distalgesic when he was screaming for an end to it all.

Special pleading for euthanasia? Again, I don't think so. Emery was not making general recommendations on a complex issue but celebrating maternal wisdom and devotion in extremis. Even at the end, Deborah covered Michael with a shawl "so he wouldn't get cold" and watched him slip away before she tried to poison herself. Throughout the play Horrocks's performance had been notable for its quiet, restrained truth; but by now you only had to look at her face and hear her *choked voice to know she had* visited some dark star a million miles from her suburban home.

Deborah was convicted and given a year's probation. Maybe a trial was necessary; but it was, of course, a complete nonsense. There are some cases nobody can judge. As Emery and Horrocks movingly demonstrated, this was one.

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

BBC HENRY WOOD PROMS: Nobuko Imai joins Tadaaki Otaka and the BBC National Orchestra of Wales for Walton's Viola Concerto. The programme also includes Daniel Jones's *Dance Fantasy* and works from Delius and Elgar.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (071-589 8212). Tonight, 7.30pm

ROYAL BALLET: In a change from the published cast list, the dazzling Miyako Yoshida is partnered by Bruce Sansom in this evening's **Romeo and Juliet**, Kenneth MacMillan's classic version of Shakespeare's tale, set to Prokofiev's score, ends the company's season.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911). Today, 2.30 and 7.30pm. Until Sat

THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO: Mozart's comic opera from Operaticks. Professional singers — many of whom regularly appear at the ROH, Holland Park and West End musicals — perform in aid of the Macmillan Appeal and the London Lighthouse.
Questors, Mattock Lane, W5 (081-560 4304). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm

ELSEWHERE

MANCHESTER: Last chance to see David Threlfall in **The Count of Monte Cristo**. The truly spectacular two-part production was adapted from by James Maxwell and Jonathan Hackett, Braham Murray directs.
Royal Exchange, St Ann's Square (061-833 9333). Tonight and Fri, 7.30pm; Sat, 2.30 and 6.30pm

AMBLESIDE: The festival of **Lake District Summer Music** continues with a recital this morning from violinist Zvi Zeitlin and the Chilingirian String Quartet with pianist Arnaldo Cohen tonight. Young musicians are catered for tomorrow with a Young String Venture Concert, a masterclass with Arnaldo Cohen and cellist Tim Hugh and a children's workshop concert.
Box Office, Charlotte Mason College (05394 31294). Until Aug 12

CHICHESTER: This weekend is your last chance as well to catch Peter McEnery as the observant stranger in **Dangerous Corner**, visiting a seemingly contented family. Keith Baxter directs the first of J.B. Priestley's time plays.
Minerva Studio, Oaklands Park (0243 781312). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 2.45pm

LEATHERHEAD: The Thorndike continues its 25th-anniversary celebrations with Noel Coward's **Present Laughter**. Peter Bowles stars as the neurotic actor, with Leslie Ash, Deborah Grant and Helen Atkinson Wood. Richard Olivier directs.
Thorndike, Church Street (0372 377677). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 4pm and 8pm. Wed, 2.15pm. Until Aug 20.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Who's Looking at the Family? (071-638 4141) ... **British Museum:** Jewellery of the Classical World: New Galleries for European Applied Arts (071-636 1555) ... **Courtauld:** French Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings (071-873 2526) ... **Hayward:** Bonnard at Le Bosquet (071-928 8800) ... **National Gallery:** Friedrich to Hodler: A Romantic Tradition (071-389 1785) ... **National Portrait Gallery:** Edwardian Women Photographers (071-306 0055) ... **Royal Academy:** The Belgian Avant-Garde, 1880-1900: Summer Exhibition (071-439 7438) ... **Tate:** RB Kitaj; Sculptors' Drawings (071-887 8000) **V & A:** Pugin: A Gothic Passion; the Ironwork Gallery; the Glass Gallery (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

- ■ House full, returns only
- ◪ Some seats available
- ☐ Seats at all prices

■ **BROKEN GLASS:** Opening night for Arthur Miller's latest, where a doctor asks why a woman with no physical ailments has paralysed herself. With Ken Stott, Margot Leicester and Henry Goodman. David Thacker directs.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7pm.

☐ **PATSY CLINE:** Fifty Country and Gospel songs hung on the thin line of Cline's life. Sandy Kelly is a fiery singer but two and half hours is an awful lot of Country.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-369 1735). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 5.30 and 8.30pm.

☐ **COPACABANA:** Barry Manilow's first musical, starring Gary Wilmot and Nicola Dawn. You've heard the song, and heard the song, the show adds energetic dancing and pineapple headdresses but that's about it.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

◪ **THE COUNTRY WIFE:** Max Stafford-Clark's stern vision of the harsh truths of Restoration immorality. Some laughs included.
Pit, Barbican Centre EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm.

☐ **GLENGARRY GLEN ROSS:** James Bolam and Ron Cook head the cast in Mamet's blistering account of the cut-throat world of Florida real-estate salesmen. Sam Mendes directs.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm

☐ **THE LADY FROM THE SEA:** Lindsay Posner's production of Ibsen's intriguing but awkward play is fitfully successful. Likewise Josette Simon — lovely and intense, but not quite hitting the mark.
Lyric, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 4pm.

☐ **LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN:** Another extravagantly set-dominated Wilde from Philip Prowse. Fine acting from Francesca Annis's mother with a past but otherwise a frail evening. With Simon Dutton and Rupert Frazer.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **LONDON NEW PLAY FESTIVAL:** Part 2 (the International Season) brings Wendy Hammond's *Julie Johnson* (wife kicks out husband and falls in love with girlfriend) and Siye Bandele Thomas's *Two Horsemen* (Nigerian couple sustained by their storytelling but is this enough?). Part 1, the British Season, continues at the Old Red Lion.
Gate, Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706). *Julie*, tonight-Sun, 7pm. *Horsemen*: Aug tonight-Sun, 9pm; mat Sat, 3pm.

☐ **THE MIRACLE WORKER:** Jenny Seagrove and Catherine Holman as teacher and blind, deaf pupil in a touching, unmawkish production of this decent play.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm. Mats today, 3pm, Wed, 3pm from Aug 10; Sat, 5pm

☐ **ST JOAN:** Imogen Stubbs as the soldier-saint in a production full of mental passion, if you can overlook the scenic ado. Peter Jeffrey is superb as the Inquisitor.
Strand, Strand, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm

◪ **THE SISTERS ROSENSWEIG:** Maureen Lipman, Janet Suzman and Lynda Bellingham star in Wendy Wasserstein's Broadway hit. Inspired by Chekhov but maybe a softer centre.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Now previewing, 7.45pm.

◪ **THE STREET OF CROCODILES:** Complicite return with its award-winning production derived from the mysterious tales of Bruno Schulz. First seen at the National in 1992.
The Young Vic, 66 The Cut, London SE1 (071-928 6363). Now previewing, 7.30pm. Opens Aug 8

LONG RUNNERS

◪ **Arcadia:** Haymarket (071-930 8800) ... ☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... ◪ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◪ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) ... ☐ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ◪ **Dead Funny:** Vaudeville (071-836 9987) ... ◪ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ◪ **Grease:** Dominion (071-416 6060) ... ☐ **Home:** Wyndham's (071-867 1116) ... ☐ **Hot Shoe Shuffle:** Queens (071-494 5040) ... ☐ **An Inspector Calls:** Aldwych (071-836 6404) ... ◪ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ◪ **Sunset Boulevard:** Adelphi (071-344 0055) ... ☐ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BOILING POINT: Quirks, mayhem and lyrical images: an early gangster romp from Japanese cult figure Takeshi Kitano, made in 1990.
ICA (071-930 3647)

NECRONOMICON (18): Clumsy horror compendium inspired by H.P. Lovecraft's stories, with Bruce Payne, David Warner, and sundry creatures from the depths.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

NORTH (PG): Whimsical misfire from director Rob Reiner, with Elijah Wood as the child searching the globe for the perfect parents.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

PARIS FRANCE (18): Blocked authoress hopes sexual adventures will restore creativity. Dull, pretentious Canadian drama directed by Gerard Ciccoritti, with Leslie Hope.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

◆ **THE SANDLOT KIDS** (PG): Bland but passable adventures of baseball-playing kids in the summer of '62. David Mickey Evans directs.
Warner (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **THUMBELINA** (U): Insipid cartoon version of the Hans Christian Andersen tale. Directors, Don Bluth and Gary Goldman.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

WOODSTOCK: THE DIRECTOR'S CUT (15): Michael Wadleigh's famous film of the ultimate rock festival. The 36 extra minutes feature Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix and others.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

CURRENT

◆ **THE BEVERLY HILLBILLIES** (PG): Silly, acceptable big-screen revival for TV's favourite hicks with Jim Varney, Lily Tomlin and Dietrich Bader. Director, Penelope Spheeris.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THE DRAUGHTSMAN'S CONTRACT (15): Sexual bargaining, deceit and murder in an English country house. Peter Greenaway's breakthrough feature, still seductive after 12 years.
Everyman (071-435 1525) **MGM Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470)

◆ **THE FLINTSTONES** (U): Hollow, noisy live-action treatment of the TV cartoon set in Stone Age suburbia, with John Goodman. Brian Levant directs.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs: Baker St** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Rd** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL** (15): Mike Newell's smart social comedy with Hugh Grant and Andie MacDowell.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Minema** (071-235 4225) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

THE GETAWAY (18): Alec Baldwin and Kim Basinger as thieves on the run. Strong, sexy remake of the 1972 thriller; director, Roger Donaldson.
MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

LOVE & HUMAN REMAINS (18): Mordant tales of love, sex and serial killings. Denys Arcand directs a fresh, excellent cast, led by Thomas Gibson and Ruth Marshall.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

◆ **MAVERICK** (PG): Mel Gibson as the TV Western conman. Disappointing summer fun, with Jodie Foster and a sparkling James Garner as lawman Zane Cooper. Richard Donner directs.
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◆ **SIRENS** (15): Oxford curate and his wife mingle with Australia's bohemians. Joyful, luscious romp, with Hugh Grant, Sam Neill, Tara Fitzgerald and Elle MacPherson. Directed by John Duigan.
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WILD TARGET (15): Featherweight French comedy, with Jean Rochefort as a meticulous hitman unhinged by love. Director, Pierre Salvadori.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148)

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** reviews the RSC's staging of Thomas Southerne's comedy

Revenge of the proto-feminists



DONALD COOPER

Stratagems for wives and lovers: Lesley Manville and Clive Wood get to grips with *The Wives' Excuse*

The Wives' Excuse
Swan, Stratford

NOWADAYS Thomas Southerne is remembered, if at all, as the author of a late 17th-century tragedy called *Oroonoko*. And *Oroonoko* is remembered, if at all, for its silly name. But before he turned to serious drama, he wrote several comedies, among them *The Wives' Excuse*, which originally brought some of the greatest performers of the era to Drury Lane: Betterton, Mrs Bracegirdle, Mrs Barry. But it seems to have taken the town less by storm than by small cold shower, and as a result it has been left to moulder in the archives for the past 300 years.

So has the Royal Shakespeare Company discovered something on a par with Aphra Behn's *The Rover* or Boucicault's *London Assurance*, the two all-but-forgotten comedies it succeeded in placing on every other major rep's must-do list? Yes and no. The play is interesting for the very reasons that it probably failed in 1692. It represents a transition between the rake-hell work of the Restoration and the more moral and sometimes moralising comedy of the 18th century. But for all its observation, wit and incidental humour it is, dare I say, not all that funny.

Why the title? Well, an amiable man about town inevitably called Wellvile claims he is writing a play by that name. He is, he says, fed up with seeing comedies in which wives make their husbands cuckolds just because marriage bores them. "I design," he says, "to show a fine young woman married to an impertinent, nonsensical, silly, intriguing, cowardly, good-for-nothing coxcomb." Then she will have good reason for taking a lover.

The first irony is that one of his most appreciative listeners is Friendall (Robert Bowman), and he is all those things and worse. His fine young wife (Olivia Williams) saves him from a duel and puts up with all his pretensions, which include sucking up to the aristocracy, singing fatuous songs in an off-key counter-tenor and refusing to be seen in public with anything as unfashionable as a wife.

Even his admission that he married her to finance his excesses and camouflage his amours does not quite break her. It is only when she catches him dallying on a sofa with the villainess — or, in Max Stafford-Clark's robust production, humping her from the rear — that she decides enough is enough.

That brings me to the second, more serious irony. Mrs Friendall does not end by falling into the arms of her own would-be comforter, Anthony Cochrane's hopefully named Lovemore. Instead, she goes off to what will clearly be a lonely life with her relatives. "I must still be your wife and still unhappy," she tells Friendall, for these are times of holy deadlock, at least for women.

Has Stafford-Clark updated the text for our earnest era, as he did Richard Brome's *Jovial Crew*? Apart from a reference to going to dinner with Jack Dryden and Willy Wycherley, and bits of an epilogue which draws jokey parallels with present-day London, it seems not. Nor has he added the editorialising touches that gave his production of *A Country Wife* — whores jangling keys and so on — a specious harshness of tone. Southerne himself has provided bite enough to satisfy the most puritan taste.

Everyone except poor Mrs Friendall takes it for granted that she should opt for sexual retaliation. Even Caroline Blakiston's Mrs Teazall, doughtily representing an older, more prudish generation, says that if she had such a husband "I believe I would use him as he deserved".

That would probably have been the solution of a misused wife in Etherege or Wycherley. But why should the alternative for a woman tied to a foolish roué be to put herself in the power of a more sympathetic one? That is the proto-feminist question Mrs Friendall asks; and Williams ensures she does so in a warm, human and most unpriggish way.

If *The Wives' Excuse* fails quite to prove itself a long-lost masterpiece, it is not the fault of Stafford-Clark's production (though why the vaguely Dickensian costumes?) or his cast. Bowman's Friendall, who could have been a standard period fop, is more the kind of monied brat you can see lolling and self-importantly opining in any overpriced London restaurant nowadays. And there are superb performances from Clive Wood and Lesley Manville as two gilded flies on the syphilitic body of the post-Restoration metropolis.

Her Wittwoud is an upper-class bawd wandered back in time from *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*, a tease and troublemaker with a slick face and a bitter, vindictive heart. His Wilding comes with red hair, a ravaged face and dimples as deep as trenches, and cuts a feral, padding figure, like an old fox unable to survive without regular fixes of chicken blood. There is no chance of sentimentalising lechery when they are around. They are magnificently horrible.

PROMS 1994: **Stephen Pettitt** on the UK premiere of a work by a leading British composer

Uneven fragments of colossal inspiration

BBCSO/Knussen
Albert Hall/Radio 3

ALEXANDER Goehr's *Colossos or Panic*, first given last year by the Boston Symphony Orchestra and revealed to British audiences in Tuesday's Prom, is a two-movement work of curious balance. Inspired by Goya's painting of the same alternative names and modestly given the genre-title "Symphonic Fragment" ("Fragmented Symphony" might have been more apposite), it opens with a movement of exhilarating, terrifying complexity, one in which it is easy, were one so minded, to "hear" the painting fairly literally. Its textures are busy, its rhythms jerky, the colours always changing in a tumultuous, terror-stricken world.

The music, unashamedly modernist, is structured in short sections and within those sections in convulsive gestures, though despite that it also has an identifiable sense of line. Just as the painting — a bizarre but powerful if ambiguous allegory — is contained within a frame, and has form and clarity, so does this music. There are identifiable hooks, obvious recurrences, everywhere; and there is also a sense of a structure building itself.

This fragmented, fast style of writing, full of neurotic energy, seems to suit Goehr better than the more sustained, conscious development and longer lines of the succeeding slow movement, composed apparently because the material he used for the first movement subsequently demanded something further from him. Yet here the ideas seem laboured, the rhythms tending to woodenness, the repetitions presented in the same light rather than in different ones. In short, Goehr's quest for thoroughness has led him to say what perhaps need not have been said at all; better to leave the ramifications of that awesome first movement, surely one of his finest achievements, resonating in the imagination.

Oliver Knussen and the BBC Symphony Orchestra gave the tenacious performance the work needed, and it was good to hear them afterwards in a lovely work of Knussen's own, albeit not new. (A major commission is promised for the Proms next year.) The four brief *Whitman Settings*, Op 25a, composed in 1991, show Knussen's style at its most gratifyingly condensed. Indeed the poems themselves are uncharacteristic models of terseness, though lack nothing in their soaring expansiveness of spirit; Knussen's predilection for dense activity, even with his transparent instrumentation, suits short time-spans well. These beautifully scored songs are rich in subtle onomatopoeia. Occasionally Lucy Shelton's soprano seemed too small in volume to balance the orchestra, but she was acutely responsive to text and line.

The frame to all this was of Stravinsky, first the *Ode*, three terse movements ostensibly written in memory of Serge Koussevitsky's wife but breathing a more abstract and indeed jolly spirit than that suggests; and last the Symphony in Three Movements, that powerful stream of brilliantly coloured machine-patterns. Debussy's *Prélude à l'après midi* followed the *Ode* for no particular reason; a coolish but not quite immaculate reading.

In my review of Bath and Wessex Opera's *Rigoletto* I made two careless mistakes. The designer of the expressive lighting is Chris Jaeger and the buxom Maddalena was Anne Mason, not Margaret Maguire, who took the small part of Giovanna splendidly. Profuse apologies to all concerned.

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Where's the buzz this week?

Some places have it; some don't. Andy Lavender tries to define what makes a club or theatre fashionable



Every now and then a venue becomes *the* place. The very thought of an evening within its walls induces a frisson, almost irrespective of what is showing. You simply have to be there, for a fashionable venue has a quality which demands to be experienced. It has The Buzz.

The Royal Court Theatre had it in 1956, so my grandfather tells me. Perhaps, with the eminently buzzable young Stephen Daldry at the helm, it will acquire it again. For a brief moment, at the very beginning of its life in 1979, the Comedy Store in London had it. And of course the Coliseum, home of English National Opera, had it during the latter part of the 1980s, when leather jackets mingled alongside dinner jackets in the auditorium, proving that opera had become a conspicuously fashionable pursuit. Now, oh dear, The Buzz has departed the Coliseum. The trend-setters, trend-spotters and trend-seekers have moved on.

This, you might suggest, is evidence of the worst kind of faddishness: a case of the crowd seduced by the odd over-enthusiastic review. Perhaps so. A night at the opera, sampling one of ENO's provocative new productions, did indeed offer a convenient excuse to parade your wardrobe. Even so, all these venues did attain their pre-eminence for the most estimable reasons. Artistic panache, managerial skill and historical accident combined to give them a sudden freshness: here, audiences knew, were shows that fair dripped with modernity and daring.

Are there still such places in recession-wracked London? If you are in search of the most buzzing venues in the metropolis, where do you find them? Well, an ear to the grapevine reveals one surprising fact: the venues deemed to be especially lively are often located outside the West End.

If you are after distinctive drama, for instance, you will perhaps head for the Hampstead Theatre at Swiss Cottage, or for the Gate Theatre in Notting Hill. You will definitely visit the Almeida Theatre in Islington, which has become the most chic middle-scale theatre in London. Its allure is partly due to the achievement of its co-directors, Ian McDiarmid and Jonathan Kent, in persuading substantial artists to work for insubstantial fees. Nicholas Hytner — director of *The Madness of George III* and *Miss Saigon* — or Harold Pinter or Diana Rigg would grace any theatre's guest list. Buzz simply radiates from them.

> "For venues, creativity and fun are indeed the crucial qualities"

Of course, Pinter puts it slightly differently. "The Almeida is a marvellous place to act in and also a marvellous place to watch in," he says. "There is a sense of proper and serious creativity, allied to a lot of fun."

Creativity and fun is indeed the crucial combination. Without both these elements a venue cannot create the right waves. Cynics suggest that fun at the Almeida seems to involve making a big noise in the small theatre bar, rubbing shoulders with chattering Islington Man and Woman, and the odd member of the glitterati. But this is one of the features of an exciting night out in the 1990s. Seekers after The Buzz visit a venue not only for the show, but for the whole experience, of which the social drinking is a pretty important part.

So it is that the venues currently most feted almost always have a nice bar attached. A prime example is the Institute of Contemporary Arts. Located in The Mall, the ICA is the ostensible home of the avant-garde: the "if this is art I'm the Archbishop of Canterbury" butt of the tabloid headlines. You would think that if a trendy buzz were to be found anywhere, it would surely be here.

In truth, the ICA's programme is sometimes duller than it should be at an avant-garde venue. But the place does boast an eminently serviceable bar, a minimalist affair in black and white that stays open until 1am. Its appeal is indicated by the kind of people spotted buying a beer in the past few months: from David Byrne to Bjork; from the short-winded John Hegley to the long-winded Vikram Seth. Heavyweight buzzers, one and all.

What of the South Bank Centre? No shortage of trendy programmes there. But the Queen Elizabeth Hall dismally fails to provide a good bar for post-concert disputation. The Festival Hall foyer has a buzz all right, but it is the kind of buzz you experience at Heathrow Terminal One, or perhaps in the checkout of a giant Sainsbury's.

How about the jazz clubs? Ronnie Scott's in Soho is never quite out of fashion, but never quite in it either. For a distinctly modern jazz venue, turn to the Jazz Café. Bright and spacious, it offers a broader musical menu than when first established in Camden in 1990. And the frequent presence in the auditorium of punters as diverse as Stevie Wonder, Annie Lennox and Bill Wyman will immediately set you arguing that jazz knows no boundaries — or, conversely, that jazz is regrettably no longer just for the purists.

So much for the present. What of the future? Can one predict where The Buzz will next occur? I suggest that you keep a sharp eye on two venues in west London, which have both been in poor health over the past few years.

> "Keep an eye on things in west London for the buzz next season"

First, consider the Lyric Theatre in Hammersmith, which has a new artistic team headed by Neil Bartlett. There is a buzz about Bartlett, to be sure. He is a co-founder of the celebrated gay theatre company Gloria, and a talented writer and performer in his own right. One of the mouth-watering attractions in his new season, which opens in September, is his own production of Oscar Wilde's story *The Picture of Dorian Gray*.

"We want to create a sense of a Lyric night out," says Simon Mellor, the theatre's new manager, "and as part of that identity we've aimed at a collision of unusual performers and projects." This is borne out by the cast of *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, which includes Tim Pigott-Smith, known for his work in television and classical theatre, and Bette Bourne, idol of London's drag scene. As unlikely a pairing as you could imagine — and with first-class buzz potential.

Consider, too, the Riverside Studios, a multi-space venue next to the Thames. Its new artistic director, William Burdett-Coutts, has already proved his worth as a heavyweight in the performance world, running the Edinburgh Festival's Assembly Rooms.

As was revealed in *The Times* earlier this week, the Riverside is set to re-open in September, and Burdett-Coutts is thinking big. The Riverside has a new glass-fronted entrance. An extra performance area has been created and seating capacity increased in the other studios. The director has even acquired an old car ferry which he is hoping to develop as a foyer area.

For the ambience of the venue, he agrees, is almost as significant as the work that it presents. "I'd like the Riverside to be a social centre for people interested in the arts," he declares. "I want it to become a working version of the Groucho Club."

That's the sort of talk followers of The Buzz like to hear. Hammersmith will be *the place* next season, no doubt about it.

DANCE

Change is worse than a rest

Renard
Covent Garden

A characteristic bit of Royal Ballet planning (or lack thereof) led to a programme at Covent Garden this week which needed intervals of half an hour on either side of an 18-minute ballet. Brilliant. They achieved it by scheduling a bill of three ballets which all have elaborate settings.

Bruce McLean's colourful, witty and rather naughty designs are the main justification for *Renard*, which was receiving its London premiere here. Neither Stravinsky's jolly little score nor Ashley Page's ingenious but slight and largely mimed choreography are properly at home in the opera house.

Come to that, even the setting is not half so effective here as it was in smaller theatres earlier in the year. Opened out and enlarged, with some curious little factory farm cages added at one side for the singers, it loses much of its originally overwhelming impact. And I'm reliably told that amphitheatre patrons miss much of the gorgeous backcloth anyway.

For its original context, as part of the Royal Ballet's "Dance Bites" tour, this *Renard* was exactly right, an amusing trifle offering a taste of decor and story on a programme otherwise without these elements. Better to have left it there.

Two different sets of dancers took the solo roles on consecutive nights; Jonathan Cope on Tuesday was the funnier, slyer Renard, but Monday's Cock, Cat and Goat (Messrs Abegglen, Cassidy and Cooper) had the edge on their successors. No complaint, however, about either cast, only about the inept management that showed them at a disadvantage.

Plenty of complaints, unfortunately, about the way *A Month in the Country* was performed, especially by Monday's stodgy cast. Muriel Valtat's debut as Natalia Petrovna on Tuesday, with florid dancing and morose acting, was a disappointment after her recent success in *Winter Dreams*, but Bruce Sansom, Sarah Wildor and Anthony Bourne as the tutor and his charges brought the ballet alive.

So *Tombeaux* provided the evening's most rewarding section, whether with the original leading couple, Viviana Durante and Sansom, or with Deborah Bull and Adam Cooper (bolder, brighter dancing, marginally less atmosphere) performing David Bintley's choreography, and Lionel Friend conducting the Royal Ballet Sinfonia in Walton's *Variations on a Theme by Hindemith*. This ballet, with its mysterious designs by Jasper Conran and Patrick Kinmonth, gives growing pleasure the more you see it.

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OPERA: **Barry Millington** is unconvinced by Bayreuth's new staging of Wagner's masterpiece

Ring seems hollow

After a promising start to Alfred Kirchner's new *Ring*, with a bold, witty *Rheingold*, the level of inspiration plummeted in *Die Walküre* and *Siegfried*, the cycle finally coming into its own in a coherent, engrossing *Götterdämmerung*. This will never be a *Ring* to set alongside those of Chéreau or Kupfer in Bayreuth, or Ruth Berghaus in Frankfurt, though it has a strong identity for which the set and costume designer, Rosalie, can take much of the credit — or otherwise.

The fundamental problem of Kirchner's *Ring* is its total lack of any clear vision or controlling idea. Kirchner has suggested that the collapse of social, political and economic systems in our time has forced a reappraisal of any "message" *The Ring* might be thought to contain. There is an irony here, for it could equally be argued that it is the collapse of social and political structures, trailing confusion and apathy in its wake, that has drawn from Kirchner (usually a thoughtful, intellectual director) the ideologically vacuous production it has. If *The Ring* provides a mirror of our times, what ideals, what values are to be found reflected in it?

Kirchner defends his tabula rasa approach by suggesting that he and Rosalie have attempted to create a new mythology — a mythology in which ancient and modern coalesce, and which would ideally liberate the viewer's own imagination. In principle that may sound fine: the reality is that this is a *Ring* woefully devoid of intellectual content. Its successes are scenic and (intermittently) musical: dramaturgically it is a deep disappointment.

Die Walküre starts well, with a strongly directed first act. The burgeoning love of Sieglinde (Tina Kiberg looking and sounding ravishing) and Siegmund (an equally sympathetic Poul Elming) is delightfully portrayed. Hans Sotin, as Hunding, makes the tiniest movements effective.

The second and third acts, however, are far less interesting. Kirchner does nothing to bring to life the extended scenes of Wotan's monologue and the Annunciation of Death. Combined with the torpor of James Levine's conducting here, these passages become not the central pillars of the work (as Wagner intended), rather an endurance test.

Rosalie's extraordinary costumes (which I admired in *Rheingold*) have their problems here too. Fricka (intensely sung by Hanna Schwarz) has a bizarre tent-like contraption hanging off her right shoulder. One can appreciate the notion that such emblematic creations denote exaggerated personal characteristics. But was Fricka's appendage intended to emphasise moral authority or to undermine her dignity? The neutrality of Kirchner's handling offered no clues.

The costumes and sets for *Götterdämmerung* were far better realised and integrated, making both symbolic and dramatic use of contrasting colours: orange, black and silver. As the stage floor, a convex disc, suggesting the surface of the world, acts as a unifying device. There are several striking *mises-en-scène* too, notably a vibrant display of orange and black bravado for the scene with Hagen's vassals in *Götterdämmerung*, and a stunning Magic Fire for *Walküre*.

Wolfgang Schmidt, new to the role of Siegfried, cuts an impressive figure, and sings both strongly and musically, though there seems, as yet, more edge than centre to his voice. John Tomlinson powers his way through as Wotan/Wanderer, yet reveals a tender quality when required. Would that the same could be said of Deborah Polaski's unremittingly strident Brünnhilde. The roles of Alberich and Hagen are well taken by Ekkehard Wlaschiha and Eric Halfvarson.



Deborah Polaski as Brünnhilde in Act II Scene 4 of Alfred Kirchner's new Bayreuth *Götterdämmerung*

Levine's *Ring*, crawling in at 15 hours 37 minutes, is the slowest ever recorded at Bayreuth. Of course, such statistics mean little, and it is not the slow tempos per se with which one takes issue. Levine's direction is unsatisfactory for several reasons: his stop/start progress and excessive point-making create effects of the moment, leaving the overall shape to look after itself; and although there are passages of great lyrical beauty, it is all too civilised by half.

Offering Wagner conducting of a different order altogether was Daniel Barenboim in the revived *Tristan und Isolde*. Barenboim conjures the intensity, the ecstasy, the pathos, but holds it in perfect equilibrium. He is surely the premier Wagner conductor in the world today. The cast was greeted with universal acclaim: Waltraud Meier a sovereign Isolde, Siegfried Jerusalem a disconcertingly baritonal but powerfully expressive Tristan, Falk Struckmann, Matthias Hölle and Uta Priew no less admirable as Kurwenal, Marke and Brangäne. Only producer Heiner Müller was greeted with boos, but I found his anti-romantic interpretation — emphasising that the work is about the unattainability of ideal love within the given social framework — more convincing than ever.

Dieter Dorn's spectacular *Flying Dutchman* was seen for the last time this year; in 1995 it will be replaced by a revival of Wolfgang Wagner's *Tannhäuser*. A new *Meistersinger* has been announced for 1996, directed by Wolfgang and conducted by Barenboim.

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Tories who failed the country

Sarah Bradford admires a revisionist history of the period which led directly to our postwar decline

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When Sir Arthur Bryant died in 1985 he was given the ultimate accolade of a memorial service in Westminster Abbey attended by large numbers of the Gread and Good. One of our most distinguished historians gave the address; I thought at the time that I detected in it a certain lack of enthusiasm for Sir Arthur's scholarship but I never suspected, as Andrew Roberts reveals, that the great man had been a neo Fascist and a protagonist of both Hitler and Mussolini, only turning his coat and wrapping himself in the Union Jack when it appeared that he had been climbing the wrong ladder to the top of the tree.

Bryant is the principal victim of this fascinating, well-researched book. Others include George VI, Mountbatten, Walter Monckton, and most of the Conservative Party from 1939 to 1955, held responsible by Roberts for Britain's postwar decline. "British power was slowly disappearing during the Churchillian era", he writes, "leaving, like the Cheshire Cat, only a wide smile behind".

Roberts is at his Thatcherite best in dealing with these Tory wets like Monckton who was in political terms so dripping that he was not really a Conservative at all. It was during his term of office as Minister of Labour in Churchill's second government that the Conservatives abdicated all power and responsibility in favour of appeasing the trade unions, refusing to contemplate any measures of reform such as the secret ballot, the banning of the closed shop or restrictive practices. Monckton's policy when faced with large militant unions in the nationalised industries presenting unrealistic wage claims and threatening to strike was to charm them and then give in.

The prevailing ethos of the Conservative leaders was a dislike of the profit motive, a lack of sympathy for business management and a romantic (and as Roberts shows) unfounded view of the workers as the patriotic backbone of Britain. Churchill himself was part of the problem: he was conscious of his anti-union reputation and anxious to erase it; he wanted to stay popular and in power at all costs. He was also basically uninterested and uninformed about industrial questions. When the ETU threatened electricity strikes in 1953 he had to ask his secretary whether electricity was nationalised or not (it was and had been since 1947).

While in Germany Adenauer and Erhard were achieving incredible advances in productivity and efficiency, in Britain Monckton's emollience was opening the way to wage inflation, low productivity and trade union militancy.

The same failure of will coupled with liberal guilt and paternalist feelings, Roberts argues, led to the alienation of traditional Tory support. The working classes who bore the brunt of immigration felt that their political masters had failed to support them. Paradoxically it was under Churchill whom Roberts shows as a "racist" of a High Victorian type that the Conservatives failed to face up to the issue of immigration. The Labour Government's British Nationality Act of 1948 was drawn up at the height of enthusiasm for the Commonwealth as a fig-leaf for Britain's post-imperial nakedness. Despite repeated warnings of trouble to come, the liberal Tories refused to contemplate even reducing Britain's immigration restrictions to the



Andrew Roberts: polemicist

level operated by other Commonwealth countries. As Churchill's private secretary put it, "The difficulty was that the minute we said we've got to keep these black chaps out, the whole Commonwealth lark would have blown up."

One of Roberts' most brilliantly-researched chapters, "The Tories versus Churchill during the 'Finest Hour'," reveals the extent of the undeclared guerrilla warfare by the bulk of the Conservative Party who remained loyal to the ousted Chamberlain during 1940-41. Many of them had voted against the Chamberlain Government in the Norway debate which led to his resignation, not to get rid of him but merely to give the Government a shock. They were horrified when they found themselves lumbered instead with Churchill whom they regarded with deep distrust.

Churchill was fighting a war on two fronts, against Hitler abroad and his political enemies at Westminster, without Chamberlain's steadfast loyalty he might not have survived the first six months of his premiership. While the Battle of Britain was being won overhead, the Westminster in-fighting continued as bitterly as ever with MPs in the Chamber referring to each other as "liars" and "pimps". Roberts' brilliant use of unpublished contemporary sources provides an insight into politicians' minds at the time as graphic as Disraeli's account of the Corn Law debates in *Lord George Bentinck*.

Mountbatten's reputation has rarely taken such a battering as Roberts gives it. Most of the material is not new but it is deployed to devastating effect. Roberts goes for the jugular on every occasion, giving Mountbatten no credit or even the benefit of the doubt. He charges Mountbatten with reckless irresponsibility with lives, including, ultimately, his own. His passion for speed and spectacular manoeuvres while a destroyer captain certainly cost lives but his men adored him just the same and Noel Coward, who apparently addressed him on the lines of "darling, dainty beautiful Dickie", made him the hero of one of the most successful wartime films, *In Which We Serve*.

His snobbishness, vanity and popinjay passion for uniforms and decorations are already well-known but it is nonetheless dismaying to read that "On 26 July, when an Emergency Committee was desperately required and disturbances in the Punjab had become extremely serious, Mountbatten was discussing the designs for his new flag as Governor-General at the morning staff meeting."

According to Roberts, Mountbatten deceived the Indian princes and the Muslim leader Jinnah in his haste to sew up a quick settlement which would favour India and the Congress Party whose leader, Nehru, was almost certainly his wife's lover. He advanced the date of independence by a year, giving the British a mere 73 days to vacate the subcontinent for which they had had supreme responsibility for 250 years. The resulting communal massacres cost lives estimated from 200,000 to a million.

Roberts' sentence about Mountbatten's carelessness with lives being responsible for his own death and those of members of his family would have been better omitted. It would be pedantic to expect polemicists like Roberts to be fair; he has had the courage to say things other people have not and he has backed them up with documentary evidence. However, I found the chapter on "The Windsors and the Politics of Appeasement" not only irrelevant to the central theme but unworthy of his undoubted credentials as an original revisionist historian. The royal family's devotion to Chamberlain and distrust of Churchill has been known since the publication of Wheeler-Bennett's authorised life of George VI in 1958.

Otherwise, this is an elegantly-written, widely researched, thought provoking book which I would recommend as an essential reappraisal of British myths since 1939.

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Maynard Dixon's "Open Range" (Museum of Western Art, Denver), an archetypal image of the self-reliant western pioneer

Real life on the wild frontier

Ronald Brownstein

THE OXFORD HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN WEST
Edited by Clyde A. Milner II, Carol A. O'Connor and Martha A. Sandweiss
Oxford University Press, £25

This stirring historical survey of the American West is every bit as vast and panoramic as its subject. Its range of interest is voracious, its scope exhilarating, and its execution superb. The 23 essays are almost without exception keen, concise, and studded with surprising facts. They are illuminated by a remarkable collection of evocative paintings and photographs worth a book of their own. From life among the Native Americans before the arrival of the Spanish conquistadores, to the experience of Asian-American immigrants in contemporary Los Angeles, the authors have neglected hardly any conceivable aspect of western history. It is difficult to imagine when anyone will exceed the standard laid down here.

It is also difficult to imagine that anyone other than a scholar would ever want to know this much about the American West. The saving grace is that this 800-plus page behemoth endlessly rewards browsing. Why, for instance, is an American dollar called a buck? "Because the hide of an adult male deer brought one Spanish dollar," reports Elliott West in a fascinating essay on the shifting nature of the frontier. Why didn't the Indians ever seek their own state? Five Indian tribes did, in 1905, but President Theodore Roosevelt instead incorporated the proposed state of Sequoyah into Oklahoma.

The book powerfully evokes the otherness of the West, the degree to which it has been a place apart in American life. Even today, Westerners (excluding perhaps a relative handful of financiers, entertainment executives and trade lawyers on the west coast) generally feel distant and disaffected from the Boston-New York power axis that dominates American politics, finance and culture. Primarily a natural resource economy dependent on outside capital, the West has typically considered itself something of an internal colony. Even California, the nation's largest economy has not entirely outgrown that independent relationship: decisions in Washington to slash defence spending after the Cold War helped trigger its deepest recession since the Depression.

Where the West has led America is as the source of myth. As several authors here note, many enduring national beliefs have their roots in the West — or more precisely, the frontier experience that played out before the West's majestic, indifferent backdrop.

Frontier life, later amplified and refracted through dime novels and Hollywood films forged our conception of the quintessential American: a man of few words and little book-learning, who is nonetheless wise in his simplicity; who is self-reliant but incapable of denying others in need; who does not give offence, but will not retreat from it. (Think of the gunfighter Shane in the classic novel and film, or for that matter, the political persona of Ronald Reagan). And the interpretation of the frontier experience as a triumph of self-reliance has, as much as anything else, shaped the dominant American creed that Washington governs best when it governs least.

The joy in this book comes from watching the authors wrestle with those myths as they seek to excavate a more "authentic" western history. The book takes on that challenge with belligerent revisionist gusto: its sentiments are closer to *Dances with Wolves* than *Fort Apache*.

In this volume, the indigenous Indian settlers are hardly savages, noble or otherwise: "Far from primitive," notes the very first essay, "the first Americans had a great knowledge of the world, a wisdom that benefited those Europeans open to it." Even the idea of the "settling of the West" by brave pioneers and indomitable cavalry officers is contested: after all, from the perspective of the native Americans who had already settled there, notes one author, the white movement west was considered an "invasion".

At times, this diligent debunking sags into the soggy banalities of political correctness. An essay by Anne M. Butler on the packaging of the West in popular culture is especially dogmatic and shallow, particularly in its treatment of Hollywood. A neo-Marxist interpretation of Western violence by Richard Maxwell Brown is eccentrically intriguing, but ultimately unconvincing in its reduction of frontier gunplay to a kind of cowtown class struggle.

For the most part, though, the book is a bracing antidote to encrusted misperceptions. Reagan, for instance, invoked the West as a bastion of personal freedom in his crusade against excessive government. But, as Clyde A. Milner II notes in his introduction, development in no region of the country depended more on public works undertaken by government, from dams that irrigated the desert to the subsidisation of the transcontinental railroad.

Generally, the authors downplay such sweeping political conclusions. And although the essays provide capsule biographies of some celebrated figures in western history it is not a story of great men and great deeds. Instead, the focus is on the rhythm of daily life, the wheels of commerce, the unexpected transformations of cultures colliding at the ever-advancing frontier. In this conception of how the American West was won, heroism is found not in dramatic gunfights, but the striving and struggle of ordinary lives amid extraordinary surroundings. Like its subject, this book well rewards both casual and extended visits.

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Mapping the journey of the soul

J.C.D. Clark

HEAVEN AND HELL IN ENLIGHTENMENT ENGLAND
By Philip C. Almond
Cambridge University Press, £30

Hell has had a bad press. The decline of theological argument in our age meant that hell was left pictured in simple graphical terms: Hieronymus Bosch (like William Blake, a 20th-century taste) became our guide, and his vision, taken literally, is easily found implausible.

In early-modern England, hell was only the destination in a much more plausible story of the journey of the soul from its creation, through its involvement in the material world, via its state immediately after death, to its eventual destiny after the last judgment. These stages and their English interpreters, are Philip Almond's momentous subject.

Some of its stages attracted more attention than others: in 1601, Nicholas Hill listed 23 theories of the origin of the soul. The leading contenders were pre-existence (all souls were created by God during the first six days), immediate creationism (a fresh soul was created by God for each person at conception or birth) and traducianism (the soul was transmitted by one or both parents to the unborn child).

An intellectual élite, the Platonists, extended the life of the soul backwards to precede its incarnation in one body: an object of this unusual but not unprecedented doctrine was to vindicate God's goodness in the face of evident evil by explaining present suffering as punishment for an individual's sin in a previous state.

Was the individual ultimately the captain of his fate? If Platonists could explain human suffering in terms of the misuse of will in a past life, they had framed a libertarian philosophy which escaped from the determinism of Calvinist predestination and from the position that God might sometimes do evil. So the "drift away from predestination" in the 17th-century was, for some, bound up with changing charts of the journey of the soul, and with the growing conviction that God was essentially, and not merely generally, good.

Of special concern was the life of the soul between death and its resurrection with the body on the last day: did it retain a conscious existence, and, if so, where? The doctrine of mortalism held that the soul slept. The theory that pre-existing souls were merely assigned earthly vehicles at conception or birth implied both the opposite and opened the door to the corporeal incarnation of demonic spirits.

What philosophers now debate as a doctrine of personal identity was mainly then debated as a doctrine of the soul. Personal immortality was guaranteed by the soul's reunion with the body on the day of judgment, whether for salvation or damnation.

Almond's theologians almost always insisted that the people be taught the traditional doctrine of the eternal punishments of hell: its deterrent effect was seen as central to the support of individual morality. A sea change overtook this moral world, argues Almond, when men began to believe in the rival ideal of disinterested virtue.

This is, by now, the received wisdom. Sir William Blackstone argued in the 1760s that excessively severe punishments would be less effective than merciful ones, "intermixed with due distinctions of severity". Almond concludes: "From this time, the rhetorical links between secular and eternal punishments were shattered. Arguments that only punishments to all eternity could ensure social stability forfeited their persuasive power." I wish we could be so sure.



Gustave Doré's visions of hell illustrated a 19th-century edition of Dante's *Inferno*

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THE LOST CITY OF DUNWICH
By Nicholas Comfort
Terence Dalton, Lavenham, £19.95

THE liquid sonorities of Debussy's *La Cathédrale Engloutie* always bring Dunwich to mind: once the sixth greatest town in England, most of it now lies beneath the North Sea, whence legend has it the bells of its churches still toll.

Few of those bound for the Aldeburgh Festival take any notice of the village a few miles up the coast: a few houses and a few ruins on the low sea-cliff overlooking the marsh. Yet here are the scant remains of a city which at the time of Domesday was as large as Bristol, Canterbury or Cambridge, tenth in the kingdom in its tax yield (£50 plus 66,000 herrings), later chartered by King John and with at least a dozen churches and monasteries.

The sea did it: Nicholas Comfort documents how, from its 13th-century peak of prosperity, Dunwich was gradually engulfed until today only the last few yards of its landward wall, one ancient gate, and two gravestones from All Saints' churchyard remain. A dramatic sequence of photographs, taken from 1886 onwards, shows the church itself disappearing over the cliff: first the chancel, then the long nave, and finally, in 1922, the remains of the great west tower.

All the other churches had preceded it: Ralph Agas's map of 1589 shows several of them, and Adam Green has used what documentary evidence there is to reconstruct the eastern half of the town plan three centuries earlier. St Michael's, St Martin's, St Katherine's, St John's and as many others besides had already gone by Elizabethan times.

Economic decline accompanied ecclesiastical decay: from being one of the largest ports in the Holland trade and one of the largest fisheries on the east coast, Dunwich had its royal taxes halved because of inability to pay. It still returned two members to Parliament, however, a rotten borough until it was abolished in the 1832 Reform Act. In 1797 the freemen sank four dozen bottles of wine at the borough patrons' expense, and "still needed beer in the morning".

Comfort, as political editor of the Glasgow *Daily Record* not unacquainted with the ways of voters and those who need them, chronicles the disintegration of communal life in Dunwich, but has also accumulated an impressive amount of heterogeneous documentary evidence with which to define what the city was like in its prime. Local high life involved a succession of wealthy families: the Valeyns, who had come over with the Conqueror, the FitzJoces, FitzRoberts and FitzAugustines (who became the Austins), the Helmeths and the Scotts; low life included Walter, rector of St John's church, who was merely fined on conviction of rape, and a mayor and bailiffs who appeared in the dock together after seizing a ship and allegedly murdering 16 men.

The ships fished as far away as Iceland — Frobisher sent letters back with the fleet as he went in search of the North-west Passage — and traded along the continental coastline from France to Sweden; in 1279 it had "80 great ships — few towns in England had the like," including a giant of 125 tons bringing wine from Gascony. Imports flooded in, including furs from the Baltic, bowstaves from Prussia and steel from Spain.

On New Year's Eve of 1287 a great storm took the seaward part of the town and choked the port, and again in 1328 when three parishes lost most of their houses over the crumbling cliff and barely kept their churches. Then the Black Death struck: Dunwich ended the 14th century with less than half its area and population. From then on decline was steady rather than spectacular, until the Romantic movement found in its ruin an inspiration to aesthetes and "a queer old place" which drew the attention of Swinburne and Henry James.

Erosion has slowed down, although the Greyfriars could be threatened by 2150; the remains of the old defences will go long before then, and the last of the medieval town itself before that, leaving only memories and perhaps the ghostly sound of bells.

A gothic night on the town

Rupert Goodwins is gripped by the black magic of a murder set among mansions and magnolias

Savannah, Georgia, has yet to impinge on the British consciousness. It sits in self-imposed isolation on the south-eastern coast of America, a social Galapagos separated from the tempestuous times of the region through geography and the unswerving dedication of its inhabitants to having a good time.

Part travelogue, part true-crime story, part historical novel, John Berendt's book starts as a collection of anecdotes garnered over eight years and innumerable Martinis from the Savannahian socialites. It ends with the story of one of the more spectacular of the species, antique dealer Jim Williams, and his four murder trials for the killing of his young tearaway male lover, Danny Hansford.

Berendt lived in Savannah for eight years off and on, commuting from his New York home. He was attracted to the place, he says, because of the poetry of the name and the realisation that the air fare cost no more than a good meal in a swish restaurant. What started as a whim ended up as nearly a decade of fascination, a stew of good stories that no writer worthy of the name could possibly let lie. Once editor of *New York* magazine and currently columnist in *Esquire* magazine, Berendt brought with him a journalist's eye for detail and a deadpan appreciation of the incongruous; through lucid, low-key prose he lets the delights and shocking surprises of Savannahian life speak for themselves.

MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF GOOD & EVIL
By John Berendt
Chatto & Windus, £10.99

At first, Berendt is happy to describe the rich, gothic scenery of life beneath the magnolia trees. Trips through graveyards and palatial mansions are interspersed with piano bars and gingerbread townhouses, and one by one the magnificent mutants of the town spin their stories. Irresistibly reminiscent of *Wildlife on One*, the author takes a back seat as character after character, as different as giant iguana and crossbilled finch, parade across the stage. The Lady Chablis, six feet tall, black, transsexual, and cabaret singer, takes him under her wing and adopts him as chauffeur and stooge; Luther Driggins, depressive inventor and poisoner manqué, engages him in a gloriously failed attempt at creating a fluorescent goldfish; Joe Odom, tax lawyer, estate agent, and gentleman fraudster, inducts him into the fine art of socialising on both sides of the law.

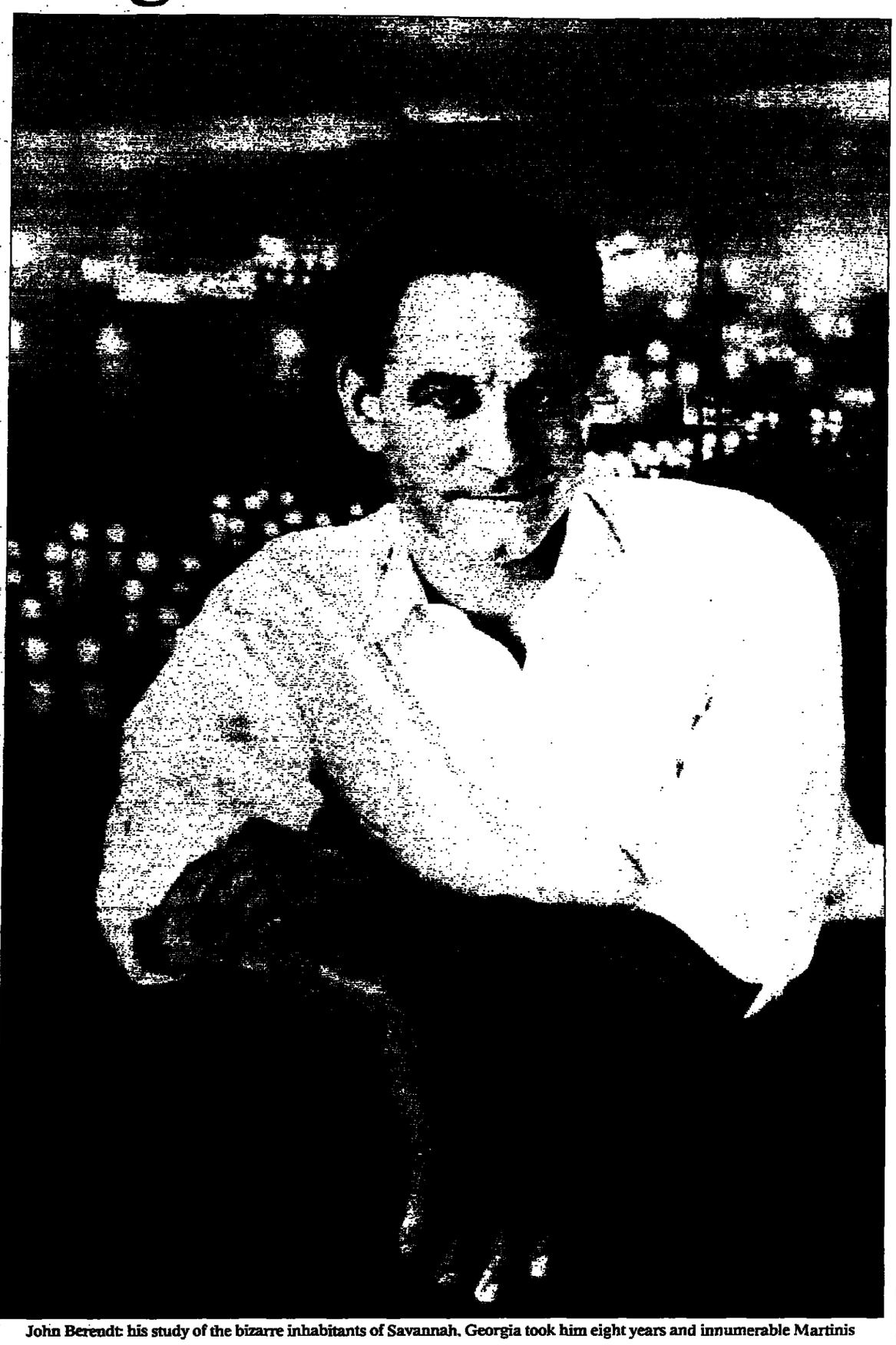
And so it goes, anecdote after incident, for half the book. What's lacking in continuity is more than made up for through constantly engaging, frequently hilarious yet admirably poker-faced reportage; each chapter, complete in itself, is as refreshing as a night on the town. The cumulative effect is a description of the place aglow with vivacity and droll understatement; Savannah is a party town that sails by its own lights, its own sense of the important. An' it harm no one, do what thou wilt.

Things cannot be as simple as that, one suspects, and although Berendt reports avidly he leaves more than one stone unturned. Throughout the book, hints of deeper, darker Southern passions come to light; an incident where Jim Williams unfurls a large Nazi swastika over the front of his mansion is left mostly unexplored; such things, one feels, must cast longer shadows than those described. Likewise, the poor black side of town is mentioned only for texture or to highlight some aspect of another story — the Savannah of Berendt's garden is not complete. There are limits to what an urbane white journalist can do.

Yet the murder trials bring together at least some of the threads that were picked out of the tapestry at the beginning of the book. In a town where the nobs casually compare pistols at cocktail parties, the biggest shock was that Jim Williams should be tried for murder at all where manslaughter in self-defence is the traditionally accepted excuse. Larger issues come to light; the provincialism of justice, the malleability of evidence, the random influence right and wrong have on the outcome of what seems to be a clear-cut case.

Here, however, some of the crepuscular world seeps out through the storytelling. Williams hires a voodoo practitioner called Minerva to put the hex on his opponents and calm Danny's spirit. A complex, disturbing, compelling chain of events follows, replete with midnight spells and graveyard earth; it doesn't seem to help the court case much but darkens the final denouement with some very sombre shades indeed.

Berendt describes a part of America, seemingly free of the pompous moralising that informs so much of our European unease about that country, a place where death, drugs and evil spirits are as acceptable as driving too fast or drinking too much. Yet it has its own morality, its own rules of conduct, transgression of which will have its own implacable, immutable reward; eccentricity and tradition is as inextricably connected as Spanish moss on a tombstone. The book itself, a bestseller in America, is entertaining, unexpected and very different; a foreign country that's as much worth a visit as the town of Savannah.



John Berendt: his study of the bizarre inhabitants of Savannah, Georgia took him eight years and innumerable Martinis

Behind the convent walls

In a candid debut novel Jenny Newman, a former nun, turns to fiction to explore convent life. For those familiar with the Catholic Church the book will evoke wry smiles and occasional winces of recognition. For those who know little about religious institutions it will undoubtedly indulge the curiosity. Newman brings rare insights into an often inscrutable way of life.

The story traces the emotional and spiritual development of Brigid, a young Liverpudlian girl entering a typical, 19th-century, semi-enclosed order of nuns. "I was on the threshold of a love affair with God that would last for all eternity," the ingenuous protagonist declares.

But neither the occlusive medieval walls of the Mother House in France nor the blinkered wings of a coif can shut her off from the world. She must confront the emotional and political realities of life in a community of women, as well as her working-class Liverpudlian roots, before she can truly accept her vocation.

Rachel Campbell-Johnson

GOING IN
By Jenny Newman
Hamish Hamilton, £14.99

Richly evocative, the novel transports its readers into the world of the old fashioned convent: the carpetless floors and cold polished surfaces, the measured step of laced black shoes. With a descriptive veracity which could only stem from experience, Newman offers an insider's glimpse into such arcane rituals as the Ceremony of Clothing and the Chapter of Faults. Meticulous attention to practical detail brings the day to day life of a nun alive.

Yet the character of the impossibly prim and narrow-minded Sister Brigid appears shallow and unconvincing. It is in the subtext of the novel that the interest lies. In Newman's own incisive exploration of the changes inaugurated in the Catholic Church by Vatican II. An examination of the ways in which rigid idealism are gradually eroded by a modern world. A world in which the religious principle of *laborare est orare* may be threatened by the acquisition of a dishwasher. Newman's pervasive sense of humour maintains a detached tone of irony throughout. It provides, at times, a sardonic commentary on rigidly dogmatic faith.

Though the final denouements of the plot may reaffirm many of the most threadbare clichés of convent life, as a perceptive, informed and often poignant study of the changes which have infiltrated religious communities since the 1960s this novel will stand as distinctive and original to both Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

Music made out of the terror years



Shostakovitch (left), seated next to theatre director Meyerhold

Lesley Chamberlain

SHOSTAKOVICH
A Life Remembered
By Elizabeth Wilson
Faber, £25

Shostakovich composed with startling alacrity and never corrected his music. Colleagues would make suggestions, for which he would appear profusely grateful, saying: "Yes I'm quite wrong. I've got this awful old metronome that doesn't work properly. I'll certainly think about it." Then he would change nothing. Of the many qualities that emerge from this life the most moving is the certainty. He heard the music in great architectonic swaths or in tightly organised, spiritually compressed forms destined for the string quartets.

Even when nothing emerged he never stopped composing, rubbing his cheek, twitching his fingers, stepping out of the stream of life to commune with some untouchable source. Memories of his own and other composers' work bombarded him, urging him to quote and parody. He produced film music and anthems, operas and song-cycles, wrote to commission, orchestrated and adapted. An exemplary professionalism and versatility formed a wall around this intensely private creative frenzy and helped him live. Others, like Shebalin, were crushed.

His early life among the pre-revolutionary St Petersburg intelligentsia gave him seriousness, application, and an exquisite self-distancing politeness. Frail health, an effervescent sense of fun and legendary pianistic talent shaped his teens. Into the first symphony went his perennial nervous anxiety, wretchedness at his father's death when he was only 16, and the onerous absurdity of cinema-playing for money to help his bereaved family.

The skittish mischief-making alongside personal suffering was there from the outset, anchoring the music to the satirical literature of Gogol, Dostoevsky and Saltykov-Shchedrin and feeding off the normal dislocations of Russian and Soviet life.

Shostakovich was world famous at 19, in 1925, something Soviet mediocrity both relished and envied. For two decades the resentment of so many Soviet Salieris mounted, waiting for the right political moment to pounce.

The crisis years were 1936, when Stalin walked out of the premiere of *Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk*, and 1948, when the Zhdanov decree so brutally purged intellectual life that Shostakovich, ousted from the Moscow Conservatoire, feared for his life. Not wanting to disturb his family when *they* came he packed a toothbrush and clean underwear and spent his nights on the stairs. This reticence driven to breaking point exploded in the music. He struck the keyboard like a xylophone. The thirteenth string quartet, a memory of the Terror when Shostakovich was already dying, had one player repeatedly strike the body of his violin. One day into this fearful hell Stalin called inquiring after Dmitri Dmitrievich's health. His wife, Nina, listened on another receiver. Afterwards they fell about laughing.

Shostakovich braved the Terror, interceding for individuals like the conductor Kurt Sanderling, and maintaining a mocking, sarcastic attitude to the authorities. The cantata *Rayok*, not performed until 1989, derided Stalin's favourite tunes, while its creator kept silent vigil with Pasternak and Akhmatova. But the confusion of the Khrushchev thaw, compounded by the death of Nina in 1954, broke him, his son Maxim aged 16 wept. "Now they'll devour him."

Nina, though they led an open marriage, gave him the security of a family. His second brief marriage was disastrous. In the third the much younger Irina nurses him like a daughter.

In 1956 the lonely Shostakovich, desperate to ensure the well-being of his children, turned to communism. He became a deputy and a party member, though he fell so ill the induction had to be postponed. To Maxim he hinted at suicide. He read speeches written for him by time-servers embarrassingly ignorant of music, and lost friends who were replaced by official hangers-on. Particularly the new generation, not having experienced the Terror, could not understand his compromises. The theatre director Yuri Lyubimov refused to shake Shostakovich's hand after he signed denunciations of Sakharov and Solzhenitsyn.

In his dacha on the Gulf of Finland bad vodka, the stench of sewage, dingy wallpaper and an inefficient fresh water supply formed a backdrop to the later quartets and late symphonies. Contact with the West, friendship with Benjamin Britten and the public performance of his long-suppressed fourth symphony somewhat regenerated his strength in the later 1960s but by then his health was declining.

Polio gripped his hands and legs. "I have a child's disease," he joked, continuing to compose out of his memory of the Terror until he died of lung cancer. Music scholars thronged the coffin where he lay in the Moscow drizzle on August 14, 1975, excessively rouged and mercifully unable to hear speeches on his excellent Communist record.

Elizabeth Wilson's obvious labour of love is an indispensible guide through Soviet musical life via the nervous, disconsolate genius who dazzled at its centre.

Escaping in the Eighties

Charlotte Moore

SISTERS AND STRANGERS
By Nina Lambert
Century, £15.99

As in her earlier novel *Players*, Nina Lambert follows the intertwined fortunes of two young women who complement and contrast with each other. In *Sisters and Strangers* we watch Vivi (feisty, go-getting, soft on the inside, mass of tangled dark curls) and her half-sister Gemma (shy, artistic, tough on the inside, long blonde hair) as they sort out their feelings about men, about each other, and above all about themselves.

Players took the world of the London theatre as its *raison d'être*; here, we have Fleet Street in the turbulent Eighties, and a battle over the ownership of *The Courier*, an ailing broadsheet — though what the novel tells us about newspapers and journalists could be written on its flyleaf. Lambert prefers to concentrate on her heroine's repetitive entanglements with Max, the ruthless multimillionaire and Nick, the rough diamond photojournalist.

Rarely can the editor's maxim "show, don't tell" have been so systematically reversed. This book tells you what it's about on every page. "It was an object lesson in the ultimate futility of power, the power she had wanted her share of." "This time she had confined herself to a prison of her own making." "What they had both mistaken for sexual chemistry was the recognition of each other's pain." And so on.

Lambert's writing has energy and imagination, but her inclusion of numerous Eighties landmarks — the hostages in Beirut, Romanian orphans, Salman Rushdie — provide irritating checks on the flow of her storytelling.

Just as one is happily escaping into the realms of holiday fantasy, complete with private jets, ludicrous coincidences, and dark pulses of desire, up pops another recent historical event which forces us to place the characters in a quasi-realistic context. This has to be a mistake; in the cool, steady light of reality what might have passed for suffering is actually revealed as melodrama, and what seemed like passion becomes mere idiocy.



Nina Lambert: melodrama

Friendship on the borderline

Christina Koning

THE PAPER WIFE
By Linda Spalding
Bloomsbury, £15.99

STARTING as if it is going to be one of those novels about female friendship, in which two women from different backgrounds are drawn together by shared experience, Linda Spalding's novel develops less predictably than its initial scenario might suggest. Lily, from the wrong side of the tracks, is befriended by Kate, from the big white house. Lily copies Kate's mannerisms, borrows her clothes and follows her to university where they become involved in radical politics (it is the late Sixties) and fall in love with the same man.

It is at this point that the novel starts to move away from the conventions of its genre — the American coming-of-age novel — towards something less familiar and more disturbing. When Lily finds herself pregnant by her best friend's lover, she drops out of college and heads for Mexico. She finds herself once more among the dispossessed, jettisoning the identity she has so carefully constructed for a more primitive self.

There is nothing accidental about the author's choice of location for her character's metamorphosis. From Malcolm Lowry onwards, writers have depicted Mexico as the Land of the Dead — a place where borderlines between past and present and between self and other can be obliterated, with or without the aid of peyote and tequila. In Lily's case, self-abnegation takes the form of emotional detachment. She seems not to care very much what is going to become of her and her unborn child — and is equally unconcerned when Turner, the lover she shares with Kate, arrives in Mexico to find her.

Indeed, the main weakness in an otherwise well-constructed novel is that the central character is so lacking in vitality. If the author's aim was to demonstrate how easily identity can be lost, then she might have done so more effectively with a protagonist who had a definite identity to lose. As it is, Lily only really comes to life with the reappearance of Kate towards the end of the novel — and by this time it is rather late in the day for her to engage the reader's sympathies.

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Before Mr Justice Rix

[Judgment July 7]

A pre-contractual obligation not to misrepresent a risk under a reinsurance contract was not an "obligation" within the meaning of article 5.1 of the Lugano Convention as that article was concerned with the place where the contract was to be performed and not the place where it was made: accordingly the plaintiff could not take advantage of the exceptional jurisdiction provided under the article.

Mr Justice Rix so held in the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing two identical actions brought by 16 insurance and reinsurance companies and one Lloyd's syndicate against the defendant, Forsakringsaktiebolaget Njord, in liquidation, in respect of two contracts of reinsurance written in 1990 and 1991.

The defendants, a Swedish insurance company, went into liquidation subsequent to the contracts and investigations by the Swedish authorities revealed serious mismanagement and dubious underwriting practices. The plaintiffs, concerned that misrepresentation had been made to them when the contracts were being placed, sought to avoid both contracts.

The first action was brought in the English courts seeking, *inter alia*, declarations that the plaintiffs were entitled to avoid and had avoided the contracts and an order for repayment of all claims paid by them.

The defendants challenged the jurisdiction of the English court on the ground of *forum non conveniens*.

The Lugano Convention on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters of September 16, 1988, which extended the terms of the Brussels Convention of 1968, as amended, to the member states of the European Free Trade Association and which was incorporated into English law by section 3A of the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982, as inserted by section 1(1) of the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1991, became effective in Sweden on January 1, 1993.

Accordingly the plaintiffs brought a second identical action seeking an alternative basis of jurisdiction in England under the terms of article 5.1 of the Convention. The defendants challenged that on the basis that article 2 of the Convention governed the second action and not article 5.1.

Article 2 of the Lugano Convention provides: "Subject to the provisions of this Convention, persons domiciled in a contracting state shall, whatever their nationality, be sued in the courts of that state. . ."

Article 5 provides: "A person domiciled in a contracting state may, in another contracting state, be sued: 1 In matters relating to a contract, in the courts for the place of performance for the obligation in question. . ."

Mr Roger Toulson, QC and Mr Simon Rainey for the plaintiffs; Mr Steven Gee, QC and Mr Alain Choo Choy for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE RIX said, in considering the challenge to the first action on the issue of *forum non conveniens*, that the burden was upon the plaintiffs to show that England was the appropriate forum for the trial of the action as being the forum in which the case could suitably be tried for the interests of all parties and ends of justice: see *Spiliada Maritime Corporation v Cansulex Ltd* [1987] AC 460).

Mr Toulson argued that England was the appropriate forum because the contracts had been negotiated and made there and English brokers had been used. That had not just been adventitious but reflected the position that the reinsurances were made upon the London market with London market reinsurers.

Moreover, the dispute had arisen from the way in which the risk had been presented to the plaintiffs in London and the complaint was that there had been a misrepresentation and non-disclosure in London at the time the reinsurance contracts were placed and bound there.

He relied on *Forsikringsaktieselskapet Vesta v Butcher* ([1989] AC 852), in which the courts had at all levels regarded the imputation that London reinsurance was governed by English proper law was very strong.

Mr Gee submitted, *inter alia*, that the reinsurance contracts in question arose out of the business of a Swedish insurer, resident and domiciled in Sweden and conducting its business there. The basis of the plaintiffs' claim was that the defendant failed to make a fair presentation of the business conducted in Sweden.

Findings and reports of the Swedish authorities were central to the plaintiffs' case and there would have to be factual enquiries into matters which took place in Sweden, conversations and documents in Swedish together with Swedish insurance practices.

While those factors did not outweigh the strong presumption that reinsurance written on the London market was written on the basis of an implied or imputed English proper law, his Lordship was not persuaded that England was the proper forum.

The real focus of the plaintiffs' writ was not so much the materiality of what was or was not said in the placement information, but the conduct of the defendants' business affairs in Sweden as to which Swedish factual and expert witnesses would have to be called.

In the second action, the plaintiffs submitted that the obligation referred to in article 5.1 was the obligation to make a fair presentation of the risk and that the place for the performance of that obligation was in London.

The defendants said that the obligation in question had to be a contractual one and did not therefore encompass the duty asserted by the plaintiffs, as that was one which preceded contract. The true obligation which arose under the contracts and which the plaintiffs sought to avoid was the obligation to pay claims: the place of performance of that obligation was in Sweden.

The plaintiffs said that there was no justification for qualifying the broad terms of article 5.1. It did not matter that English law had historically proceeded to determine the duty of good faith as one imposed by law and not by contract: the duty existed as an incident of the contract and remained a continuing duty throughout.

His Lordship considered the authorities, including *A. de Bloos SPRL v Société en commandite par actions Bouyer* (Case 14/76) ([1976] ECR 1497); *Barclays Bank plc v Glasgow City Council* ([1993] QB 429); *Kalfelis v Bankhaus Schroder, Munchmeyer, Hengst & Co* (Case 189/87) ([1988] ECR 5565); *Arcado SPRL v Haviland SA* (Case 9/87) ([1988] ECR 1539); *Shenavai v Kreischer* (Case 266/85) ([1987] ECR 239), and distilled from them the following principles:

1 Concepts such as "matters relating to a contract" and "the obligation in question" had to be interpreted and applied not simply on the basis of national law, but with a view principally to the scheme and purposes of the Convention.

2 Because article 5.1 was a derogation from the underlying philosophy that jurisdiction was vested in the courts of the state where the defendant was domiciled, it had to be interpreted restrictively.

3 Because the concept of "matters relating to a contract" might extend beyond contracts *stricto sensu* to consensual relationships partaking of the same nature as a contract, the concept of "obligation" might correspondingly have to be interpreted on an extended basis.

4 Despite his Lordship's third principle, the language of the judgments repeatedly regarded the "obligation in question" as a contractual obligation.

5 Regard had to be had at all times to the particular obligation upon which the plaintiff's action was based and the non-performance of which was relied upon to support the plaintiff's claims and if there was more than one such obligation, the principal such obligation, rather than to the remedies which were claimed as flowing from that obligation and its non-performance.

6 The connecting factor which justified the vesting of jurisdiction in the courts of a state other than the state of the defendant's domicile was that the obligation in question was to be performed in the former state.

In his Lordship's judgment the plaintiffs' claim to avoid a contract fell within the words "in matters relating to a contract" and none the less so because a claim in restitution was included in the writ.

While the question of whether claims in restitution came within article 5.1 was not directly in issue, his Lordship considered that a claim in restitution arising out of the avoidance of a contract was within those words.

On the concept of the "obligation in question", his Lordship said that it was a refrain running through the cases in the European Court of Justice and in England that the obligation in question was a contractual one but his Lordship hesitated to say that the obligation had to be so.

After considering *Martin Peter Bauunternehmung GmbH v Zuid Nederlandse Aannemers Vereniging* (Case 34/82) ([1983] ECR 987) and *Barclays Bank plc v Glasgow City Council*, his Lordship turned to the question of whether the obligation relied on by the plaintiffs could be regarded as contractual in a legitimately extended sense of the term.

Mr Toulson's essential submission had been that the pre-contractual duty concerned was not only properly called an obligation but was an incident of the contract of insurance.

His Lordship did not agree but considered that the right to avoid a contract for non-disclosure or for positive misrepresentation did not depend on contract at all but on the underlying principles of equity: see *Banque Keyser Ullmann SA v Skandia (UK) Insurance Co Ltd* ([1990] 1 QB 665).

Moreover, if there were negligence or fraud in the misrepresentation then the right was not merely one to avoid the contract but to a cause of action in tort.

In his Lordship's judgment, those considerations militated against regarding the obligation upon which the plaintiffs relied as being within the term in question whether or not that term were limited more or less strictly to contractual obligations.

If the question had merely been whether claims which arose from non-disclosures or misrepresentation were in "matters relating to a contract", his Lordship could readily have accepted that they should be so regarded.

The question, however, was whether such obligation which arose before contract and in the circumstances of the formation of contract were apposite to be the subject matter of an article which provided an exceptional jurisdiction based upon the connecting link of the place of performance in matters relating to contract.

That was, at the end of the day, he said, the critical factor. Article 5.1 was concerned with the place where contracts were to be performed not with the place where they were made.

An obligation, after all, to avoid misrepresentation or non-disclosures in the making of a contract gave no right to contractual performance at all or to damages in lieu. The only remedy for its breach was the right to avoid the contract or, in the case of negligence or deceit, a right to damages in tort and not in contract.

On the basis therefore that the obligation in question was to make a fair presentation of the risk the plaintiffs failed to bring themselves within article 5.1 of the Convention. Both actions therefore would be set aside.

Solicitors: Clyde & Co; Elborne Mitchell & Co.

Taking a water sample

Attorney General's Reference (No 2 of 1994)

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Ognall and Mr Justice Gage

[Judgment July 27]

Notification did not have to precede the taking of a water sample from a river.

The Court of Appeal so held on a reference by the Attorney General pursuant to section 36 of the Criminal Justice Act 1972 after the acquittal of a sewage undertaker, a water utility, on an indictment brought under the Water Act 1989 by the National Rivers Authority.

Section 148 of the 1989 Act, replaced in the same terms by section 209 of the Water Resources Act 1991, provides: "(1) . . . the result of the analysis of any sample . . . shall not be admissible . . . unless the [NRA] . . . (a) on taking the sample notified the [undertaker] of his intention to have it analysed; (b) there and then divided the sample into three parts and caused each part to be placed in a container which was sealed and marked. . ."

The questions were (i) whether the notification pursuant to section 148(1)(a) had to precede the division of the sample for the purposes of section 148(1)(b); and (ii) the meaning of "there and then" for the purposes of section 148(1)(b).

Mr Charles Pugh for the Attorney General; Miss Alison Foster as *amicus curiae*; the respondent water utility did not appear and was not represented.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the reserved judgment of the court, said that the sampling procedure was known as the "rope and bucket" procedure.

The NRA officer would take a sample by immersing a bucket in the effluent channel and then filling a large container with three litres of the effluent.

He would then walk some 300 yards from the effluent discharge channel to his vehicle in the car park adjacent to the respondent's offices and there divide the contents of the container into three separate one litre bottles. The respondent would be given one bottle and in some, but not all cases would then be told of the NRA's intention to analyse the contents of the NRA's litre bottle.

In some, but not all cases, the officer, before dividing the contents of the container into the one litre bottles, would notify the respondent and give him an opportunity to be present.

The trial judge had ruled that "on taking the sample" meant the dipping of the bucket into the effluent and the pulling out, not some time later; that notifying the respondent at a later time was not compliance with the Act; and that "there and then" could refer only to the place where the sample was being taken and then immediately on or after, not 10 or more minutes later when the sample was divided.

Their Lordships' view was that, since the whole purpose of the sampling was to detect possible pollution, that purpose would be stultified if the respondent had to be given notice in advance of the sampling so that he could be present, since he would thereby be enabled to stop the effluent and affect the sample to be taken.

The phrase "on taking the sample" was to be construed as meaning "on the occasion of taking the sample", which accorded with the construction placed by the Court of Appeal in *Capol Clothing Ltd v Hindmarsh* ([1984] 1 WLR 411) on the expression "on arrival".

There would be some latitude in the time surrounding the event of taking the sample, but not a great deal and, in each case, it would be a matter of degree whether that latitude was exceeded or not.

"On taking the sample" allowed some degree of latitude in notifying the respondent immediately after rather than beforehand; in other cases, trust, comity or other reasons might prompt the NRA to notify the respondent in advance.

As to "there and then", the expression "then" had to mean on the occasion of taking the sample and "there" at or proximate to the site where the sample was taken. To remove the container to a laboratory and divide it there, or to interrupt the continuity of the operation by dividing it at a later time, would be impermissible.

Their Lordships' formal answers to the points referred were: (i) Notification pursuant to section 148(1)(a) of the 1989 Act did not necessarily have to precede the taking or the division of the sample for the purposes of section 148(1)(b); (ii) "there and then" in section 148(1)(b) meant at or proximate to the site where the sample was taken and on the occasion of taking the sample.

Solicitors: CPS, Headquarters; Treasury Solicitor.

'Causing' polluting matter to enter river

Regina v CPC (UK) Ltd

Before Lord Justice Evans, Mr Justice Popplewell and Mrs Justice Ebsworth

[Judgment July 15]

Whether a defendant had caused polluting matter to enter a river contrary to section 85(1) of the Water Resources Act 1991 and section 4(1) of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975 was a question of fact for the jury to decide, requiring neither proof of fault or knowledge on the part of the defendant nor proof that his acts were the sole cause of the escape of the polluting matter.

Identifying and where necessary delimiting that question of fact was a matter of law for the judge.

For the purposes of section 209(1) of the 1991 Act a sample of water had to be separated physically from the flow and isolated in some form of container.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by CPC (UK) Ltd against its conviction on September 13, 1993 at Plymouth Crown Court (Mr Recorder Miller and a jury) on one count of causing polluting matter to enter controlled waters contrary to section 85(1) of the 1991 Act and one count of causing liquid matter to flow into waters containing fish contrary to section 4(1) of the 1975 Act.

Section 209 of the 1991 Act provides:

"(1) Subject to subsection (2) below, the result of the analysis of any sample taken on behalf of the authority in exercise of any power conferred by this Act shall not be admissible in any legal proceedings in respect of any effluent passing from any land or vessel unless the person who took the sample — (a) on taking the sample notified the occupier of the land or the owner or master of the vessel of his intention to have it analysed; (b) there and then divided the sample into three parts and caused each part to be placed in a container which was sealed and marked; and (c) delivered one part to the occupier of the land or the owner or master of the vessel and retained one part, apart from the one he submitted to be analysed, for future comparison.

"(2) If it is not reasonably practicable for a person taking a sample to comply with the requirements of subsection (1) above on taking the sample, those requirements shall be treated as having been complied with if they were complied with as soon as reasonably practicable after the sample was taken."

Mr William Edis for CPC; Mr Martin Meeke for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE EVANS, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellant company owned and operated a large factory on the banks of the river Lyd.

In October 1992 there was an accidental spillage of a cleaning liquid, similar to caustic soda, into the river, causing the deaths of a large number of fish.

The liquid had leaked from defectively installed piping in the factory into a storm drain and had thence been discharged into the river.

The piping had been installed by subcontractors before CPC had bought the factory and there was no dispute that the defect was latent as far they were concerned.

The question was whether CPC had caused the polluting liquid to flow into the river, and that was a question of fact and common sense for the jury to decide.

The fact that the defect in the pipe was latent as far as CPC was concerned was irrelevant since neither fault nor knowledge had to be proved against it, and it was equally irrelevant that some other person might also have "caused" the escape: the 1975 and 1991 Acts did not require proof that the defendant's acts were the sole cause.

Identifying and, where necessary, delimiting the relevant question of fact was a matter of law.

The recorder had correctly identified the question of fact for the jury to decide, and was also correct in directing them that, if they were satisfied on that issue of fact that the defendant had caused the escape, then whatever part had been played by its predecessor's subcontractors was irrelevant to its guilt as a matter of law.

The recorder had ruled in the course of the hearing that the analysis of readings taken by a permanent static testing device situated in a locked hut on the banks of the river downstream from the factory was admissible in evidence.

The machine was a phOX Systems mobile water monitor. Water was diverted from the flow in midstream by means of a pipe leading to the machine. It was pumped through the machine and thence through a further discharge pipe which led back into the river.

No part of the water thus diverted was held in a container or kept in any other way, and readings were taken by means of probes.

The question was whether evidence of that analysis was "the result of the analysis of any sample" within the meaning of section 209(1) of the 1991 Act, and that in turn depended on whether or not the readings taken from the monitoring device were taken from "any sample" of the polluted water.

The dictionary definition of "sample" in the *Concise Oxford English Dictionary* was "small separated parts of something illustrating the quality of the mass it is taken from, specimen, pattern".

In their Lordships' judgment, it was significant that the dictionary definition referred to a "separated" part of the whole.

That implied that the part must be separated physically from the whole, and in the case of water, that part which became a sample had to be isolated in some form of container and a "sample" of water did not come into existence unless and until that was done.

While, therefore, the machine could be said to "sample" the flow of water, it did not, in their Lordships' judgment, take a "sample" of water within the meaning of section 209. It followed that the evidence was not rendered indamissible by section 209 and that the recorder's ruling was correct.

Solicitor: Clifford Chance; Mr Edward Strouts, Exeter.

Preliminary view must be flexible

Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council and Others v Secretary of State for the Environment and Others

There was nothing wrong in a decision maker reaching a preliminary view on the material currently before him, subject, if appropriate, to revision.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Glidewell, Lord Justice Hoffmann and Lord Justice Hobhouse) so held in a reserved judgment on July 8 in allowing an appeal brought by Bolton, Bury, Oldham, Rochdale, Stockport, Tameside and Wigan Metropolitan District Councils and Manchester City Council against the decision of Mr Justice Schiemann on October 15, 1993 dismissing their application challenging the validity of the decision of the Secretary of State for the Environment to grant outline permission for a development of a shopping centre.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said that if the decision maker took a preliminary view, but before he reached his final decision there had been changes either in the relevant policy document, or in the material facts upon which the interim decision was based, the decision maker was then obliged to consider those changes fairly, to decide whether they altered his preliminary decision and to explain why he had adhered to or altered that decision.

European Law Report — Luxembourg

Directive not directly applicable

Paola Faccini Dori v Recreb Srl

Case C-91/92

Before O. Due, President and Judges G. F. Mancini, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, M. Diez de Velasco, D. A. O. Edward, C. N. Kakouris, R. Joliet, F. A. Schockweiler, G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, F. Grévisse, M. Zuleeg, P. J. G. Kapteyn and J. L. Murray

Advocate General C. O. Lenz

(Opinion February 9)

[Judgment July 14]

A directive which required the member states to adopt rules specifically intended to govern relations between private individuals might not be relied upon in proceedings between such persons in the absence of measures to transpose the directive into national law.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held in replying to a questions referred to it by the *Giudice Conciliatore di Firenze* (Judge-Conciliator, Florence) Italy, for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the EEC Treaty on the interpretation of Council Directive 85/577/EEC, concerning protection of the consumer in respect of contracts negotiated away from business premises (OJ 1985 L372 p31).

On January 19, 1989, without having been previously approached by her, Interdiffusion Srl had concluded a contract with Miss Faccini Dori at Milan Central Railway Station for an English language correspondence course.

Some days later, by registered letter of January 23, 1989, Miss Faccini Dori informed that company that she was cancelling her order. The company replied on June 3, 1989 that it had assigned its claim to Recreb. On June 24, 1989, Miss Faccini Dori wrote to Recreb confirming that she had cancelled her subscription to the course, indicating, *inter alia*, that she relied on the right of cancellation provided for by the directive.

As was apparent from its preamble, the directive was intended to improve consumer protection and eliminate discrepancies between national laws providing such protection which might affect the functioning of the common market. To that end the directive, *inter alia*, granted consumers a right of cancellation for a period of at least seven days in order to enable them to assess the obligations arising under the contract.

On June 30, 1989, Recreb asked the *Giudice Conciliatore* to order Miss Faccini Dori to pay it the agreed sum with interest and costs. By order of November 20, 1989, the judge ordered Miss Faccini Dori to pay the sums in question. She lodged an objection to that order with the same judge. She again stated that she had withdrawn from the contract under the conditions laid down by the directive.

However, it was common ground that at the material time Italy had not taken any steps to transpose the directive into national law. Although the period set for transposition had expired on December 23, 1987, it was not until March 3, 1992, that Italy transposed the directive.

The national court was uncertain whether, even though the directive had not been transposed at the material time, it could nevertheless apply its provisions.

It therefore referred stayed the proceedings and referred a question to the European Court for a preliminary ruling:

In its judgment the Court of Justice held as follows:

Whether provisions unconditional and sufficiently precise

The first issue raised by the question was whether the provisions of the directive concerning the right of cancellation were unconditional and sufficiently precise.

Articles 1(1) and 2 were sufficiently precise to enable the national court to determine upon whom, and for whose benefit, the obligations were imposed. No specific implementing measure was needed in that regard. The national court might confine itself to verifying whether the contract had been concluded in the circumstances described by the directive and whether it had been concluded between a trader and a consumer as defined by the directive.

Admittedly, articles 4 and 5 allowed the member states some latitude regarding consumer protection when information was not provided by the trader and in determining the time-limit and conditions for cancellation. That did not, however, affect the precise and unconditional nature of the provisions of the directive at issue in the case.

The latitude allowed did not make it impossible to determine minimum rights. Article 5 provided that the cancellation had to be notified within a period of not less than seven days after the time at which the consumer received the prescribed information from the trader. It was therefore possible to determine the minimum protection which, on any view had to be provided.

Horizontal effect

The second issue raised by the national court related more particularly to the question whether, in the absence of measures transposing the directive within the prescribed time limit, consumers might derive from the directive itself a right of cancellation against traders with whom they had concluded contracts and enforce that right before a national court.

As the Court had consistently held since its judgment in (Case 152/84) *Marshall v Southampton and South-West Hampshire Health Authority* (*The Times* February 27, 1986; [1986] ECR 723), a directive could not of itself impose obligations on an individual and could not therefore be relied upon as such against an individual.

It was clear from the judgment in *Marshall* that the case-law on the possibility of relying on directives against state entities was based on the fact that under article 189 a directive was binding only in relation to each member state to which it was addressed. That case-law sought to prevent the state from taking advantage of its own failure to comply with Community law.

It would be unacceptable if a state, when required by the Community legislature to adopt certain rules intended to govern the state's relations, or those of state entities, with individuals and to confer certain rights on individuals, were able to rely on its own failure to discharge its obligations so as to deprive individuals of the benefits of those rights.

The effect of extending that principle to the sphere of relations between individuals would be to recognise a power in the Community to enact obligations for individuals with immediate effect, whereas it had competence to do so only where it was empowered to adopt regulations.

It followed that, in the absence of measures transposing the directive within the prescribed time limit, consumers could not derive from the directive itself a right of cancellation as against traders with whom they had concluded a contract or enforce such a right in a national court.

If the result prescribed by the directive could not be achieved by way of interpretation of existing national law, it had also to be borne in mind that, in terms of the judgment in (Joined Cases C-6/90 and C-9/90) *Francovich and Others v Italy* (*The Times* November 20, 1991; [1991] ECR I-5357) Community law required the member states to make good damage caused to individuals through failure to transpose a directive, provided that three conditions were fulfilled:

First, the purpose of the directive had to be to grant rights to individuals.

Second, it had to be possible to identify the content of those rights on the basis of the provisions of the directive.

Finally, there had to be a causal link between the breach of the state's obligation and the damage suffered.

The directive on contracts negotiated away from business premises was undeniably intended to confer rights on individuals and it was equally certain that the minimum content of those rights could be identified by reference to the provisions of the directive alone.

Where damage had been suffered and that damage was due to a breach by the state of its obligation, it was for the national court to be uphold the right of aggrieved consumers to obtain reparation in accordance with national law on liability.

On those grounds, the European Court ruled:

Article 1(1), article 2 and article 5 of Council Directive 85/577/EEC of December 20, 1985, concerning protection of the consumer in respect of contracts negotiated away from business premises, were unconditional and sufficiently precise as regards determination of the persons for whose benefit they were adopted and the minimum period within which notice of cancellation had to be given.

In the absence of measures transposing Directive 85/577 within the prescribed time limit, consumers could not derive from the directive itself a right of cancellation as against traders with whom they had concluded a contract or enforce such a right in a national court. However, when applying provisions of national law, whether adopted before or after the directive, the national court had to interpret them as far as possible in the light of the wording and purpose of the directive.

Scots Law Report August 4 1994 Court of Session

Bank owes no duty to wife

Mumford v Bank of Scotland
Smith v Same

Before Lord Johnston

[Decree July 1]

Where a wife was induced by her husband's misrepresentations to grant real security over her property, or personal security as a cautioner, for his debts, in the absence of actual knowledge of the misrepresentations, the creditor was under no duty either to explain to the wife the nature of the transaction into which she was entering or its consequences, nor to require her to take independent advice.

The fact that the creditor knew that the granter was the spouse of the debtor did not mean that the creditor had constructive notice of the misrepresentation. The decision of the House of Lords in *Barclays Bank plc v O'Brien* (*The Times* October 22, 1993; [1994] 1 AC 180) was not the law in Scotland.

Lord Johnston, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held, dismissing as irrelevant an action by Elizabeth McNulty or Mumford against the Governor and Company of the Bank of Scotland, and an action by Kathleen Smith against the same defenders.

Mrs Mumford sought reduction of her consent in terms of the Matrimonial Homes (Family Protection) (Scotland) Act 1981 to the granting by her husband of a heritable security over their home. Mrs Smith sought reduction of a heritable security granted by her and her husband over property owned by them in common.

Miss Leeona Dorrian for the pursuers; Mr Neil Davidson for the defenders.

LORD JOHNSTON said that counsel were agreed that unless the pursuer could satisfy his Lordship that *Barclays Bank plc v O'Brien* was part of the law of Scotland, the actions should fail.

In *O'Brien*, Lord Browne-Wilkinson had said "unless the creditor who is put on enquiry takes reasonable steps to satisfy himself that the wife's agreement to stand surety has been properly obtained, the creditor will have constructive notice of the wife's rights".

It appeared what his Lordship stated was to the effect that when the bank was "put on enquiry", the circumstances were such as to give rise to a suspicion in the mind of the bank which required action on its part which could be summarised as a duty to interview the wife, independent of the husband, advise her of the consequences of the document to her, and to advise that she take separate legal advice.

If the bank did that, and the wife still signed, it was in the clear. But if it did nothing, the *ratio* of the decision was to the effect that constructive notice applied and the deed was not enforceable against the wife.

It was worth noting that Lord Browne-Wilkinson did not shrink from the radical nature of that proposition and indeed did not limit his possible application related to a husband and wife but rather to any persons in an emotional relationship: see p198D.

His Lordship took from that case the following factors as amounting to the "appropriate circumstances":

1 The relationship between the relevant parties must be husband or wife or the equivalent, so as to give rise to the risk of undue influence or lack of proper advice based on the notion of trust being abused.

2 The transaction must be in the nature of a surety or guarantee for the husband's debts or at least for debts in respect of which the wife had no interest, at least directly, since it could be said that a wife always had some interest in her husband's estate.

3 The transaction must be to the financial disadvantage of the wife or signing person: see *CIBC Mortgages plc v Pitt* (*The Times* October 22, 1993; [1994] 1 AC 180). There had to be a false representation on the part of the husband inducing the wife's signature to the relevant document or the ground of reduction never appeared in the first place.

Under reference to long standing authority, counsel for the defenders submitted that a bank was under no duty to disclose to a cautioner the state of the debtor's account unless specifically asked so to do. The bank was entitled to assume that an intending guarantor had made himself fully acquainted with the financial position of the customer whose debt he was about to guarantee. The bank was not bound to make any disclosure whatsoever regarding the customer's indebtedness.

He further submitted that it mattered not in that context if the cautioner was operating under essential error unless that error was induced by a misrepresentation or fraudulent action on the part of the bank.

He relied upon *Young v Clydesdale Bank* ((1889) 17 R 231), *Royal Bank of Scotland v Greenshields* (1914 SC 259) and the unreported decision of Lord Strachan of July 30, 1956 in *Bank of Scotland v Gow or Porteous*.

In *Porteous*, Lord Strachan referred to the averment made, which was to the effect that the bank manager failed to disclose to the defender what kind of document she was signing. His Lordship then went on to dismiss the averment as insufficient to found a case of misrepresentation under reference to the cases of *Young* and *Greenshields*. After analysis of both, his Lordship had said:

"It seems to me that nothing that was said in [*Greenshields*] can be taken as meaning there was ever a duty on the bank to explain to an intending cautioner the nature and effect of the document which the cautioner is being asked to sign. No authority was cited to establish such a duty and in my opinion the weight of the authorities is definitely against there being any such duty resting upon a bank.

There can be no failure to disclose, unless there was a duty to disclose, and as there is, in my opinion, no such duty as is alleged I hold that the defence of misrepresentation has not been relevantly averred."

Thus, counsel submitted, that while there would be obvious duties on his clients if they had actual knowledge of a misrepresentation or of the cautioner's state of mind, or if there were dishonest or misleading answers given to direct questions, the defenders would obviously be in difficulty in enforcing the guarantee, but if there was no actual knowledge, Scots law did not recognise constructive knowledge on the part of a bank in the context under discussion.

Counsel for the pursuers countered that fundamental attack by pointing out that the House of Lords were, if not breaking new ground, at least applying the law in a modern context which might suggest that longer standing authorities were no longer relevant.

His Lordship could find no authority outwith the context of agency where constructive notice could be inferred in the mind of a person wholly ignorant of the fact that matters, namely in this case the misrepresentation by the husband, simply because of the surrounding circumstances.

By definition, in employing an agent the principal was taken bound by the pursuer's actings and knowledge within the agency, but that was part of the contract which the principal willingly entered. None of the Scots authorities to which reference had been made made any attempt to suggest that ignorance of the material facts would nevertheless put someone in bad faith.

What *O'Brien* seemed to achieve was a presumption in favour of the wife of a wrong having been committed by her husband against her created in the appropriate circumstances, particularly where there was no financial gain to her in relation to the debts being guaranteed and the actual transaction was to her financial disadvantage.

His Lordship was not prepared against the background of the long established authorities with regard to the duty, or lack of it, owed by a bank to the cautioner, to import such a presumption into the law of Scotland.

There was no real distinction between the present cases and the circumstances discussed in both *Young* and *Greenshield* and indeed in *Porteous*, and while not bound by the latter his Lordship was certainly bound by the former.

Since *O'Brien* was a decision of the House of Lords, his Lordship had to assume that it accorded to the law of England as regards English equitable principles. His Lordship was not bound against established principles to import it simply for that reason.

In the absence of actual knowledge of undue influence or misrepresentation between a husband and wife and in the absence of any suggestion that the bank had given misleading answers to specific questions put by or on behalf of the wife, the bank were under no duty either to explain to the wife the nature of the transaction into which she was entering and its consequences, nor to require her to take independent advice.

His Lordship rejected the concept of constructive notice being imposed on the defenders where, upon the pursuers' averments, they were wholly in ignorance of the circumstances that led to the wife being prepared to sign the document in each case. In these circumstances, given the absence of averments of actual knowledge, both actions were irrelevant and fell to be dismissed.

Law agents: Drummond Miller, WS; Anderson Strathern, WS.

High stakes for Mind Games

By Julian Muscat

THERE is plenty at stake for the connections of Mind Games, one of six British challengers among the 15 horses declared yesterday for the Heinz '57' Phoenix Stakes over six furlongs at Leopardstown on Sunday.

In addition, Fallow, the Richmond Stakes runner-up, takes the British contingent up to seven after he was supplemented at a cost of Ir£18,500.

Having given his trainer, Jack Berry, his first Royal Ascot winner when landing the Norfolk Stakes last time out, Mind Games now stands to extend the sequence by providing the indefatigable Berry with his first group one contest. But that is only one aspect to a remarkable story.

Terry Holdcroft, one of a four-strong partnership which owns Mind Games, also stands the colt's sire, Puissance, at his Bearstone Stud in Shropshire. And, if that is not incentive enough, Berry has obtained some fancy prices about Puissance heading the ranks of first-season sires at the end of the season.

Thanks largely to the Ascot success of Mind Games, Puissance presently lies in second place, and victory for Mind Games on Sunday would propel the stallion into an almost unassailable lead.

The portents look favourable. Ladbrokes yesterday installed Mind Games their 3-1 second favourite behind the 9-4 shot, General Monash, who attempts to follow up Turtle Island's victory 12 months ago for owner Robert Sangster and trainer Peter Chapple-Hyam. The firm then bet: 7-2 Fallow, 5-1 Desert Style, 7-1 Sharp Point, 12-1 Silca Blanca, 14-1 Helmsman, 16-1 Warning Star and 20-1 or greater about the remainder.

Jim Bolger, the trainer of Desert Style, has also declared the impressive Curragh scorer, Eva Luna, although this filly is almost certain to stay at home.

Confidence is never in short supply within the Berry stable. It completely surrounds Mind Games, whom Berry rates the best juvenile he has trained. And with good reason, too, for Mind Games had General Monash more than three lengths adrift in third at Ascot. Granted, General Monash was later diagnosed as having suffered a throat infection, and the Ascot ground may have been too fast. Yet the drying ground in Ireland is to Mind Games's advantage.

MARTIN LYNCH



Mind Games is among seven British entries for the valuable Leopardstown prize

To return home to Market Drayton with the winner's prize is something Holdcroft, a keen huntsman, hardly dares contemplate. At no stage in 20 years of ownership has he unearthed a horse with the ability of Mind Games. However, it is fitting Mind Games has emerged from out of the pack; he was the apple of Holdcroft's eye from the moment he first spotted the horse grazing the paddocks as a young foal.

"He always had that bit of presence about him," Holdcroft, 48, related yesterday. "When he came to be sold I told his breeders, Rob and Val Hughes, not to let him go for less than 24,000 guineas. Thankfully, he didn't make his reserve, so I took a half-share and passed on half of that to Neil Worberton, a friend of mine who lives just up the road.

"It's all been so exciting since then," he said. "In the last few days we have started to worry about everything: the ground, the opposition, the travel — you name it, we've worried about it. You always hope to be involved with a good horse and this looks like being the one for us."

Holdcroft, a franchise holder of 14 garages, professes to know next to nothing about cars. But he will be fully aware of the importance of Sunday's race and its implications for the future of his stud.

Not long ago, he faced a dilemma with his batch of 20 broodmares, which were quietly costing him a small fortune. He could either scale them right down or go the other way, and turn his hobby into a business.

He chose the latter and bought Puissance, but for which Mind Games would never have been born at all.

He knows that a victory for his pride and joy would see Puissance's stock rise to the extent that the winner's purse — some Ir£90,000 — would amount to little more than a tidy bonus in his overall game plan. For Holdcroft, Berry, Mind Games and Puissance, the stakes will never be higher.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: JUNGLE PATROL
(4.15 Pontefract)
Next best: Osato
(5.15 Pontefract)

BATH

THUNDERER

2.25 Siddons In May. 2.55 Thunderheart. 3.25 Paley Prince. 3.55 Island Knight. 4.25 Apache Plume. 4.55 New Albion.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.55 Thunderheart.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.25 WILLESLEY SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,618: 5f 11yd) (14 runners)

1 (9) FORTYSIXALLOUT M Saunders 8-11 N Adams –
2 (4) HARVEST REAPER M Channon 8-11 R Waterfield (7) –
3 (8) 6648 SHARP SHOWER 12 B McMahon 8-11 T Williams 98
4 (13) 3 SMILEY FACE 17 R Hodges 8-11 S Drowne (5) 86
5 (2) SUMDOQUINN M Channon 8-11 R Hughes –
6 (10) 0 VAIGLY EFFICIENT 24 M McCormack 8-11 M Perrett –
7 (7) BILLS PLOUGHGIRL J Moore 8-6 A Clark –
8 (11) BILLY B Palling 8-6 C Hodgson (3) –
9 (14) DAVID JAMES' GIRL A Bailey 8-6 D Wright (5) –
10 (6) 05 IRISH ANGEL 22 B Richmond 8-6 J Williams –
11 (3) 0 L'EGLISE BELLE 83 Mrs A King 8-6 N Carlisle –
12 (1) 5000 MISS ELECTRA 12 M Blanchard 8-6 D Harrison 97
13 (5) 003 SIDDONS IN MAY 19 C Hill 8-6 Paul Eddery 99
14 (12) 5 VENGAN 87 D Haydn Jones 8-6 A Mackay 83

7-2 Smiley Face, 5-1 Siddons In May, 11-2 David James' Girl, 6-1 Sharp Shower, 7-1 Harvest Reaper, Sumdoquinn, 8-1 Fortysixallout, 10-1 others.

2.55 COLERNE APPRENTICES HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,785: 2m 1f 34yd) (4)

1 (2) 3132 THUNDERHEART 16 (F) L Cumani 9-7 C Hodgson 96
2 (1) 0254 CLIFTON SET 14 M Channon 8-13 R Waterfield (5) 99
3 (3) 6244 SHELTERED COVE 5 K Cunningham-Brown 8-4 D Griffiths (3) 98
4 (4) -066 ESOTERIC 18 P Mitchell 7-7 D Wright 73

4-5 Thunderheart, 9-4 Sheltered Cove, 7-2 Clifton Set, 50-1 Esoteric.

3.25 WHIRLWIND SPRINT HANDICAP
(£5,150: 5f 11yd) (8)

1 (8) 0210 FARFELU 13 (B,C,D,F,G) W Muir 7-9-12 R Cochrane 97
2 (3) 1114 NAPOLEON STAR 8 (CD,F) M Saunders 3-9-8 N Adams 95
3 (7) 2602 VERY DICEY 8 (D,F,G,S) J Berry 6-9-0 S D Williams 93
4 (2) 1380 PALEY PRINCE 5 (CD,F,G) M Usher 8-8-12 R Price 99
5 (6) 0300 KILDEE LAD 10 (C,G) A Jones 4-8-11 J Williams 97
6 (1) 5225 FIVESEVENFIVEO 10 (BF,CD,F,G) R Hodges 6-8-9 A Clark 94
7 (5) 1324 MIRIAM 10 (F) (D) M Fetherston-Godley 3-8-0 F Norton 97
8 (4) 5045 BANBURY FLYER 16 (D,F,G) Mrs A King 6-7-7 N Carlisle 94

5-2 Very Dicey, 4-1 Farfelu, 9-2 Miriam, 5-1 Napoleon Star, 6-1 Fivesevenfiveo, 7-1 Kildee Lad, 12-1 Paley Prince, 25-1 Banbury Flyer.

3.55 AUGUST CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,888: 5f 161yd) (9)

1 (9) 2000 BALANDRA BAY 7 (B,D,G,S) R Hannon 3-9-3 Mark Denaro (7) 99
2 (4) 2012 ISLAND KNIGHT 8 (BF,D,F,G) M Ryan 5-9-1 A Clark 93
3 (1) 01-3 LORD SKY 133 (S) P Cole 3-9-0 M Hills 78
4 (5) 5020 TRIOMING 21 (C,F) A Jones 8-8-12 J Williams 73
5 (2) 4-00 DREAM OF TOMORROW 34 (D,F,G) P Burgoyne 6-8-10 S Dawson –
6 (3) 0-06 MOGWAI 107 (B,C,D,G) M Meade 5-8-10 S Whitworth 74
7 (6) -604 PACIOLI 7 (V) M Saunders 3-8-8 N Adams 69
8 (8) -060 STERRETJIE 21 R Simpson 3-8-5 D Harrison 91
9 (7) 0 MISS SPENT YOUTH 24 R Hodges 3-8-2 D Wright (5) –

5-2 Balandra Bay, 3-1 Lord Sky, 7-2 Island Knight, 7-1 Sterretje, 10-1 Trioming, 12-1 Mogwai, 16-1 Dream Of Tomorrow, 20-1 others.

4.25 BE HOPEFUL MEMORIAL HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,276: 1m 5yd) (5)

1 (5) 2010 APACHE PLUME 24 (D,F) G Harwood 9-7 R Cochrane 93
2 (4) 1113 FARNHAM 9 (CD,F,G) I Balding 9-6 M Hills 89
3 (1) 1122 SWEET TRENTINO 8 (D,F,G) C Smith 9-3 M Wigham 93
4 (2) 0-54 TANSEEQ 30 H Thomson Jones 8-12 R Hills 86
5 (3) 3622 LADY WILLIAMS 8 (D,G) Lord Huntingdon 8-9 D Harrison 99

7-4 Lady Williams, 11-4 Sweet Trentino, 4-1 Apache Plume, 5-1 Farnham, 6-1 Tanseeq.

4.55 SILKWOOD MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£3,761: 1m 2f 46yd) (10)

1 (5) 3322 MICROLITE 15 (BF) P Cole 3-9-10 T G McLaughlin (5) 97
2 (4) 4300 DIGGERS WELL 7 G Harwood 3-9-9 R Cochrane 94
3 (10) 0-66 NEW ALBION 21 R Charlton 3-9-8 Paul Eddery 97
4 (6) 3525 TRES CHER 30 B Hills 3-9-8 M Hills 90
5 (2) 6-05 SAMHEH 82 J Dunlop 3-9-3 R Hills 93
6 (9) 0504 HUNTERS' HEAVEN 15 I Balding 3-8-10 D Griffiths (7) 96
7 (1) 660 CRACKING PROSPECT 21 B Millman 3-8-9 J Williams 99
8 (7) 0/-0 CORPUS 14 R Hodges 5-8-8 S Drowne (5) 96
9 (3) -060 LADY BUCHAN 72 J Bradley 5-8-1 T Williams 89
10 (8) 0006 BOLD REINE 17 A Barrow 5-7-7 D Wright (5) 91

9-4 Microlite, 3-1 New Albion, 7-2 Samheh, 7-1 Tres Cher, 8-1 Hunters' Heaven, Corpus, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Thomson Jones, 6 winners from 15 runners, 40.0%; R Charlton, 10 from 27, 37.0%; M Ryan, 4 from 11, 36.4%; G Harwood, 10 from 43, 23.3%; J Berry, 11 from 52, 21.2%; B Hills, 18 from 89, 20.2%; Lord Huntingdon, 5 from 25, 20.0%; J Dunlop, 8 from 49, 16.3%.

JOCKEYS: R Cochrane, 11 winners from 71 rides, 15.5%; Paul Eddery, 12 from 81, 14.8%; S Drowne, 7 from 55, 12.7%; A Clark, 10 from 87, 11.5%; J Williams, 24 from 213, 11.3%. Only qualifiers

BRIGHTON

THUNDERER

2.35 Busy Banana. 3.05 Prince Rudolf. 3.35 Shikari's Son. 4.05 Don't Drop Bombs. 4.35 Recluse. 5.05 Hawaiian Dream.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.35 BUSY BANANA.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.35 Sestriere.

GOING: FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.35 MARINA MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,831: 5f 213yd) (7 runners)

1 40 TRY TO PLEASE 19 M Heaton-Ellis 8-11 Stephen Davies (3) 7
2 SARASI P Cole 8-9 T Quinn 5
3 000 SECRET BALLAD 15 J Akehurst 8-9 G Carter 4
4 25 BUSY BANANA 17 (BF) R Hannon 8-6 W Ryan 2
5 6 ROYAL UPRISING 21 G L Moore 8-2 A McGlone 1
6 4 DIZZYDAISY 10 (BF) M Channon 7-13 C Rutter 6
7 4 YOUDONTSAY 26 R Curtis 7-11 G Bardwell 3

9-4 Busy Banana, 5-2 Sarasi, 4-1 Dizzydaisy, 5-1 Youdontsay, 6-1 Try To Please, 8-1 Royal Uprising, 20-1 Secret Ballad.

3.05 RINGMER SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,174: 5f 59yd) (7)

1 8445 PRINCE RUDOLF 8 (CD,G) M Fetherston-Godley 9-2 M Roberts 1
2 DAS ISLAND J Jenkins 8-11 T Quinn 7
3 4 SHONKY 23 A Moore 8-11 Candy Morris 4
4 U00 SORISKY 45 (V) B Gubby 8-11 A Whelan (7) 5
5 THE SCYTHIAN Bob Jones 8-11 G Duffield 6
6 0000 TROPICAL BAY 16 R Voorspuy 8-11 C Rutter 2
7 0 TRIBAL JUSTICE 37 G L Moore 8-6 A McGlone 3

4-6 Prince Rudolf, 6-1 Sorisky, 7-1 Das Island, 8-1 Shonky, 12-1 The Scythian, 16-1 Tribal Justice, 20-1 Tropical Bay.

3.35 TOTE SPRINT HANDICAP
(£4,844: 5f 59yd) (4)

1 1210 SHIKARI'S SON 26 (CD,F,G) J White 7-10-0 T Quinn 4
2 1030 ASHTINA 13 (D,F,G,S) R Hodges 9-9-12 J Reid 1
3 0200 PRESS THE BELL 12 (B,D,F,G) J Berry 4-9-7 G Carter 2
4 0131 SPEEDY CLASSIC 21 (D,F,G) M Heaton-Ellis 5-8-8 M Roberts 3

5-4 Shikari's Son, 2-1 Ashtina, 5-2 Speedy Classic, 7-1 Press The Bell.

4.05 BRIGHTON SUMMER HANDICAP
(£2,952: 1m 1f 209yd) (10)

1 0406 MISTY GODDESS 28 (D,F,G) M Jarvis 6-9-10 R Painter (5) 5
2 00-2 MUCH TOO CLEVER 22 D Morley 3-9-10 M Tebbutt 6
3 -053 LALA MUSA 15 C Brittain 3-9-5 M Roberts 9
4 0004 PRINCE DANZIG 35 (D,G) D Murray Smith 3-9-2 T Quinn 10
5 5351 KENTAVRUS WAY 26 (D,G) A Moore 3-9-2 Candy Morris 8
6 360- MISS KINABALU 289 J Pearce 4-8-13 G Bardwell 3
7 0004 MEDLAND 2 (C,F,G) D Wilson 4-8-11 G Carter 2
8 0051 MISTER O'GRADY 10 (V,D,G) G L Moore 3-8-11 (5ex) B Rouse 1
9 0033 DON'T DROP BOMBS 23 (G) P Felden 5-8-8 M Fenton (3) 7
10 030 LA BELLE SHYANNE 17 A Newcombe 3-8-7 S Raymont 4

7-2 Much Too Clever, 4-1 Mister O'Grady, 9-2 Kentavrus Way, Misty Goddess, 6-1 Prince Danzig, Don't Drop Bombs, Lala Musa, 10-1 others.

4.35 CLIFTONVILLE RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (£2,387: 1m 3f 196yd) (6)

1 06-0 EXPLORE MONDIAL 15 J Eustace 3-8-11 M Tebbutt 4
2 6036 JAYEN 21 M Channon 3-8-11 T Quinn 6
3 6344 ORINOCO VENTURE 22 (V) S Woods 3-8-11 W Woods 1
4 -243 PASSING PLAYER 22 J Hills 3-8-11 W Ryan 2
5 0453 RECLUSE 27 (B) B Hills 3-8-11 M Roberts 5
6 0-26 SESTRIERE 14 M Prescott 3-8-6 G Duffield 3

2-1 Recluse, 3-1 Passing Player, 7-2 Sestriere, 5-1 Jayen, 6-1 Orinoco Venture, 12-1 Explore Mondial.

5.05 EDBURTON MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£3,558: 5f 213yd) (9)

1 63-0 KHATTAT 26 J Dunlop 4-9-10 T Quinn 2
2 2004 TAKREEM 47 P Walwyn 3-9-3 J Reid 7
3 0-44 ANSELLADY 24 J Berry 3-8-7 G Carter 6
4 6400 OFF THE BLOCKS 22 W Jarvis 3-8-6 W Ryan 5
5 0605 PEROBA 24 L Hall 3-8-6 A McGlone 3
6 5334 SAXON KING 5 M Usher 4-8-1 R Street 9
7 0550 BELMONT PRINCESS 10 A Jones 4-7-12 G Bardwell 8
8 5045 BEZIRGAN 28 M Channon 3-7-12 C Rutter 1
9 0003 HAWAIIAN DREAM 10 G Lewis 3-7-11 A Whelan (7) 4

7-2 Saxon King, 4-1 Takreem, Hawaiian Dream, 5-1 Ansellady, 6-1 Khattat, 12-1 Bezirgan, Belmont Princess, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Berry, 7 winners from 27 runners, 25.9%; M Jarvis, 11 from 43, 25.6%; M Prescott, 17 from 68, 25.0%; J White, 8 from 34, 23.5%; B Hills, 7 from 31, 22.6%; J Dunlop, 14 from 68, 20.6%.

JOCKEYS: R Painter, 3 winners from 8 rides, 37.5%; M Roberts, 29 from 124, 23.4%; Stephen Davies, 6 from 27, 22.2%; G Duffield, 20 from 112, 17.9%; T Quinn, 40 from 232, 17.2%; J Reid, 27 from 215, 12.6%.

Blinkered first time

BATH: 3.55 Balandra Bay, Pacioli. BRIGHTON: 3.05 Sorisky, 4.35 Orinoco Venture. PONTEFRACT: 2.45 Cast The Line, 3.15 Blackpool Festival, 4.15 Time Of Trouble.

Piggott switch upsets Swedish authorities

LESTER Piggott has found himself at the centre of an international racing incident, after announcing to the Swedish racing authorities that he is unable to ride at Jagesro racecourse on Sunday.

Piggott was booked at least two weeks ago for six mounts on the 11-race card, including the ride on Zerenad in the featured Swedish Derby.

But the 58-year-old sent a fax to Jagesro racecourse, saying that: "due to my fall at Goodwood last Thursday, I don't feel up to riding at Jagesro racecourse on Sunday. If you have any questions please telephone me."

Piggott, who would have at least trebled the gate receipts at Jagesro, has sparked a furore because he has also been declared to ride the Queen's Sharp Prod in the group three Grosser Preis von Berlin at Hoppegarten the same afternoon.

Lord Huntingdon, who trains Sharp Prod, confirmed yesterday that Piggott would be riding the British horse in Germany.

Ironically, the scenario is virtually the same as last year, when Piggott was booked to ride Zenithsa in the Swedish Derby, but chose to ride Sharp Prod in the Preis von Berlin when the combination finished fourth.

The Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot is likely to decide Europe's mile championship after attracting eight classic winners yesterday.

The highlight of the Festival of Racing on September 24 has produced an outstanding entry of 32 horses. Leading the star cast is Distant View, the impressive Sussex Stakes winner, and the entry includes several of his Goodwood victims in Barathea, Grand Lodge, Sayyedati, Mister Baileys and last year's Queen Elizabeth winner, Bigstone.

The colt's trainer, Henry Cecil, confirmed yesterday that Distant View would miss the Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville and run at Ascot.

PONTEFRACT

THUNDERER

2.45 Tahitian
3.15 Fairybird
3.45 Frisky Miss
4.15 In Good Faith
4.45 SECRET SERENADE (nap)
5.15 Dalu
5.45 Sawtid

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 5.15 DALU (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.45 BOLLINGER CHAMPAGNE CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP
(Amateurs: £2,685: 1m 2f 6yd) (6 runners)

101 (3) 2-23031 CAST THE LINE 13 (V,CD,F,G) (D Barna) A Stewart 4-12-0 V Lukaniuk (4) 94
102 (4) 152601 CREDIT SQUEEZE 2 (D,F,G) R J Houghton 4-11-11 (5ex) G Johnson Houghton 98
103 (5) 042433 TAHITIAN 10 (B,CD,F) (B Todd) N Tinkler 5-11-6 D Parker 94
104 (2) 004234 PEPITIST 15 (Mrs H Carr) Mrs J Ramsden 3-10-0 C Bonner 96
105 (1) 0-32003 LIFE'S TOO SHORT 10 G Pritchard-Gordon 3-9-12 P Pritchard-Gordon (4) 99
106 (6) 0500-00 MILARIOUS 24 (Miss B Bryant) T Clement 3-9-7 R Barrett (4) –

Long handicap: Milarious 9-6

BETTING: 9-4 Credit Squeeze, 11-4 Cast The Line, 7-2 Tahitian, 9-2 Pepitist, 6-1 Life's Too Short, 25-1 Milarious.

1993: LUCKY NOIRE 5-9-13 Miss A Harwood (9-2) G Harwood 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

CAST THE LINE beat Imperial Bid short-head in 4-runner handicap over course and distance (good to firm) with TAHITIAN (1lb better off) short-head 3rd. CREDIT SQUEEZE beat Dots Dee 3½l in 7-runner handicap at Redcar (1m 3f, good to firm). TAHITIAN 1¼l and neck 3rd of 7 to Princess Maxine in rated stakes at Nottingham (1m 2f, good to firm). PEPITIST 2¼l 4th of 12 to Pressig in handicap at Redcar (1m 2f, good to firm). LIFE'S TOO SHORT 1l 3rd of 9 to Ringlet in handicap at Lingfield (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: CREDIT SQUEEZE

3.15 EBF CARLETON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,404: 5f) (10 runners)

201 (7) 033 BLACKPOOL FESTIVAL 26 (B,BF) (Blackpool Gazette) J Berry 9-0 J Carroll 91
202 (1) BROWNLOWS (J Coupland) M Bielby 9-0 J Fortune –
203 (4) 3 KEMO SABO 19 (P Locke) Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 K Darley 99
204 (5) THWAAB (G Elliott) F Watson 9-0 N Connorton –
205 (9) 4 BOLD PALMELLA 20 (Mrs E Hitchins) I Balding 8-9 L Dettori 87
206 (2) 2 CAN SHE CAN CAN 14 (A Robinson) M Johnston 8-9 P Robinson 91
207 (6) 32 ECU 65 (BF) (Ecu Partnership) M Johnston 8-9 J Weaver 98
208 (10) 0 FAIRYBIRD 29 (Lucayan Stud) R Hannon 8-9 R Perham 77
209 (8) MYSTIC LURE (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 8-9 B Raymond –
210 (3) SYLVAN RIME (D Brown) S Norton 8-9 A Munro –

BETTING: 11-4 Kemo Sabo, 4-1 Bold Palmella, 5-1 Ecu, 6-1 Fairybird, 7-1 Mystic Lure, 10-1 Blackpool Festival, Can She Can Can, 14-1 Sylvan Rime, 33-1 Brownlows, Thwaab.

1993: BLUE SIREN 8-9 L Dettori (4-6 fav) I Balding 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLACKPOOL FESTIVAL 5l and head 3rd of 4 to Strops in maiden at Redcar (5f, good). KEMO SABO 4½l 3rd of 10 to Lennox Lewis in maiden at Ripon (5f, good to firm). THWAAB (foaled Feb 29, cost 4,600gns) Half-brother by Dominion to multiple winner Lucum; dam 6f juvenile winner. BOLD PALMELLA 6l 4th of 8 to Doctor's Glory in maiden at Newbury (5f, good to firm). CAN SHE CAN CAN 1¼l 2nd of 5 to Zircoviam in seller at Hamilton (5f, good to firm). ECU 2l 2nd of 8 to Question All in maiden auction at Redcar (6f, good to firm). MYSTIC LURE (Mar 26). Half-sister by Green Desert to 1m 2f winner Walim, dam winning miler.
Selection: ECU

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Ryan	5	15	33.3	L Dettori	19	91	20.9
M Jarvis	6	20	30.0	A Munro	15	92	16.3
L Cumani	6	22	27.3	B Raymond	13	86	15.1
Lord Huntingdon	5	20	25.0	K Darley	24	177	13.6
J Gosden	6	29	20.7	A Garth	5	39	12.8
I Balding	8	40	20.0	N Connorton	8	66	12.1

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103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.45 AUGUST CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,827: 5f) (10 runners)

301 (8) 000301 ALLLEGSNOBRAIN 6 (D,F) (M Woodall) P Evans 8-12 V Halliday (7) 99
302 (6) 660-040 INDIAHRA 10 (D,G,S) (P Lawton) R Hollinshead 8-9 K Darley 93
303 (9) MY SILVERSMITH (P Monteith) P Monteith 8-9 J Marshall (5) –
304 (4) 000420 TINKER OSMASTON 12 (D,BF,F) (U Liner Services Ltd) C Williams 8-9 J Quinn 87
305 (2) 212232 FRISKY MISS 12 (C,F,S) (Mrs M Sinanan) J Berry 8-7 J Carroll 95
306 (3) 55 GREY KINGDOM 6 (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-7 A Munro –
307 (7) 040404 CHADWELL HALL 9 (Mrs C Owen) L Lloyd-James 8-2 B Russell (5) 76
308 (10) 640000- PEASAN 332 (E Latham) P Monteith 8-1 J Tate (3) –
309 (5) 50 BITTER SPICE 69 (Mrs I Pryce) S Bowring 7-13 Dale Gibson –
310 (1) 000050 BRITANNIA MILLS 35 (A Mann) M Chapman 7-13 A Garth (5) 68

BETTING: 7-4 Alllegsnobrain, 9-4 Frisky Miss, 7-2 Tinker Osmaston, 5-1 Indiahra, 16-1 Chadwell Hall, 20-1 Grey Kingdom, 25-1 Britannia Mills, Peasan, 33-1 Bitter Spice, My Silversmith.

1993: FIRST OPTION 8-9 K Darley (2-1) M H Easterby 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALLLEGSNOBRAIN beat Leading Princess 2½l in 6-runner handicap at Edinburgh (5f, good to firm). INDIAHRA 3¾l 4th of 7 to Purple Fling in rated stakes at Carlisle (6f, firm) on penultimate start. TINKER OSMASTON 3½l 2nd of 16 to Robin Lake in handicap at Windsor (6f, good to firm). FRISKY MISS 9l 2nd of 3 to Domnuel in claimer at Ayr (6f, good). CHADWELL HALL 10½l 4th of 9 to Miss Vaxette in claimer at Beverley (5f, good to firm).
BRITANNIA MILLS 11l 5th of 6 to Iradah in apprentices' rated stakes at Yarmouth (5f, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: ALLLEGSNOBRAIN

4.15 DIANNE NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £5,618: 6f) (14 runners)

401 (6) 614 CAMICIA 41 (D,G) (Lord Howard de Walden) W Jarvis 9-7 A Munro 85
402 (2) 0312 JUNGLE PATROL 10 (D,BF,F) (Mrs H Carr) Mrs J Ramsden 9-6 K Darley 96
403 (1) 03012 MEDIATE 7 (F) (Mrs S Spencer-Phillips) R Hannon 8-13 R Perham 89
404 (8) 2562 RUBYLEE 9 (E Jameson) K McAuliffe 8-12 J Tate (3) 91
405 (14) 36052 BAILEYS SUNSET 13 (G Bailey Ltd) M Johnston 8-10 J Weaver 83
406 (3) 633 TIME OF TROUBLE 17 (B) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Watts 8-10 L Dettori 99
407 (5) 013 IN GOOD FAITH 34 (C,F) (R Dawson) J Quinn 8-9 S Maloney 83
408 (10) 0211 DELIGHT OF DAWN 13 (CD,F,G) (K Ivory) K Ivory 8-8 J Stack (7) 83
409 (4) 50351 CUMBRIAN MINSTREL 13 (B,F) (Cumbrian Ind) M H Easterby 8-8 M Birch 83
410 (12) 0016 STUFFED 10 (D,F) (R Barby) M W Easterby 8-5 T Lucas 94
411 (13) 6613 SIMAND 12 (D,F) (W Martin) E Weymes 8-5 N Kennedy 93
412 (11) 31014 WE'RE JOKEN 10 (D,G,S) (J Oliver) J Berry 8-4 J Carroll 97
413 (9) 6520 SMALL HICCUP 12 (Bassetlaw Bloodstock Ltd) J Glover 8-4 Dean McKeown 98
414 (7) 244 MISS ZANZIBAR 31 (The Butterwick Race Co) R Fahey 7-10 J Quinn 94

BETTING: 9-2 Jungle Patrol, 6-1 Delight Of Dawn, Time Of Trouble, 8-1 Camicia, Cumbrian Minstrel, Mediate, 10-1 Baileys Sunset, Simand, 12-1 In Good Faith, Rubylee, 14-1 We're Joken, 16-1 others.

1993: CYARNA QUINN 8-5 W Carson (7-1) M Channon 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

CAMICIA 7¾l 4th of 5 to Fatefal in conditions race at Newcastle (7f, firm). JUNGLE PATROL short-head 2nd of 6 to Mantol in nursery at Newcastle (6f, good to firm), with WE'RE JOKEN (4lb better off) 10l 4th and STUFFED (8lb better off) 6¼l last. MEDIATE 5l 2nd of 7 to Crofters Ceilidh in nursery at Goodwood (5f, good to firm). RUBYLEE 1¾l 2nd of 12 to Ellie Justice in maiden at Beverley (7f 100yd, good to firm). TIME OF TROUBLE two heads 3rd of 6 to Caerphilly in maiden at Ayr (6f, good to firm). IN GOOD FAITH 13½l 3rd of 4 to Fard in graduation race at Beverley (5f, good to firm). Previously beat Domiselle a neck in maiden here (5f, good to firm). SMALL HICCUP 11½l 8th of 10 to Circa in maiden at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f). Previously 1¼l 2nd of 9 to Be Mindful in maiden at Catterick (5f 212yd, good to firm). DELIGHT OF DAWN beat Annie Fay 1¾l in 4-runner claimer over course and distance (good to firm). CUMBRIAN MINSTREL beat BAILEYS SUNSET (5lb better off) 1¾l in 6-runner maiden auction at Carlisle (5f, hard). SIMAND 5l last of 3 to Dom One in conditions race at Newcastle (7f, good to firm). MISS ZANZIBAR 6l 4th of 9 to Best Of All in maiden at Ripon (5f, good to firm).
Selection: JUNGLE PATROL

4.45 JIM GUNDILL MEMORIAL HANDICAP
(£3,590: 1m 4f 8yd) (7 runners)

501 (4) 41-0006 BEATS WORKING 12 (F) (J Swiers) Mrs J Ramsden 3-9-10 J Weaver 98
502 (7) 02-2462 SECRET SERENADE 10 (C,F) (Glasgow House) C Fairhurst 3-9-8 W Carson 98
503 (1) 22-4413 GOLDEN HELLO 31 (G) (G Shoolen) M H Easterby 3-9-8 M Birch 96
504 (6) 265122 KEEP YOUR DISTANCE 7 (D,BF,F) (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-4 K Darley 96
505 (2) 42402P CIVIL LAW 8 (CD,F,G) (Mrs B Facchino) Mrs V Aconley 4-9-2 J Carroll 94
506 (5) 036630 RUNIC SYMBOL 6 (D Sloan) M Blanshard 3-8-0 J Quinn 99
507 (3) 0-00080 NEGATORY 45 (B,CD,F) (A Needham) M Chapman 7-7-7 N Kennedy –

Long handicap: Negatory 6-13

BETTING: 2-1 Secret Serenade, 5-2 Keep Your Distance, 7-2 Beats Working, 4-1 Golden Hello, 12-1 Civil Law, 20-1 Runic Symbol, 33-1 Negatory.

1993: GREY POWER 6-9-6 K Darley (11-8 fav) Mrs M Reveley 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BEATS WORKING 7¾l 9th of 13 to West Buoyant in handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start. SECRET SERENADE 1¾l 2nd of 6 to Solomon's Dancer in handicap at Newcastle (1m 4f 93yd, good to firm). GOLDEN HELLO 4l 3rd of 7 to Transom in handicap at Ripon (1m 4f 60yd, good to firm). KEEP YOUR DISTANCE 1l 2nd of 7 to Latvian in handicap at Hamilton (1m 5f, firm). Previously 2½l 2nd of 5 to One Voice in handicap at Carlisle (1m 4f, hard). CIVIL LAW pulled himself up after four furlongs on latest start at Catterick in handicap won by One Voice. Previously finished 10l 2nd of 9 to Mr Devious in handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m 4f) on penultimate start. RUNIC SYMBOL 5¼l 3rd of 6 to Exemplon in handicap at Chepstow (1m 2f, firm) on penultimate start.
NEGATORY 36¼l 9th of 12 to Charlie Bigtime in handicap here (1m 2f 6yd).
Selection: KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

5.15 MATTY BOWN MEMORIAL MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,577: 1m 4yd) (11 runners)

601 (7) 2 FRESH RUNNER 64 (L Lo) W Haggas 3-9-0 B Thomson 93
602 (6) 2- OSATO 272 (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-9-0 L Dettori 91
603 (4) 0 TREE OF TIME 21 (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-9-0 J Carroll –
604 (1) ZARALASKA (Fittocks Stud) L Cumani 3-9-0 J Weaver –
605 (10) BRIGHTENING (P Rawson) C Thornton 3-8-9 Dean McKeown –
606 (2) 5-2 DALU 15 (H Al Maktoum) A Stewart 3-8-9 W Carson 99
607 (5) 0 HEART TO HEART 20 (M Keogh) M Tompkins 3-8-9 P Robinson –
608 (9) 6-0 PARTY LINE 21 (Lord Carnarvon) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-9 A Munro 82
609 (8) 00 POYLE JEZEBELLE 26 (C Wiggins) M Blanshard 3-8-9 J Quinn 73
610 (3) 00 RIVER FANTASY 15 (Mrs B Mills) R Guest 3-8-9 W Woods –
611 (11) 0-45302 YO KIRI-B 19 (Miss E Megginson) D Cosgrove 3-8-9 K Darley 89

BETTING: 2-1 Dalu, 11-4 Osato, 9-2 Fresh Runner, 6-1 Zaralaska, 10-1 Party Line, 12-1 Tree Of Time, 14-1 Yo Kiri-B, 16-1 Brightening, 20-1 Heart To Heart, 33-1 Poyle Jezebelle, River Fantasy.

1993: MUJAAZAFAH 9-0 J Carroll (Evens fav) J Gosden 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

FRESH RUNNER head 2nd of 8 to Zahran in maiden at Newmarket (6f, good to firm). OSATO 3l 2nd of 12 to Dontforget Insight in maiden at Doncaster (7f, good). ZARALASKA, by Shemazar. Half-brother to Italian juvenile winner; dam unraced. DALU 4l 2nd of 11 to Ingozi in maiden at Yarmouth (7f, good), with RIVER FANTASY 33l last. HEART TO HEART 26l last of 10 to Minstrel's Gift in maiden at Newmarket (6f, good to firm). PARTY LINE 10l 7th of 18 to Ishmsaar in maiden at Sandown (1m, good), with TREE OF TIME 12l 14th. POYLE JEZEBELLE 12¼l 8th of 15 to Dom Pennion in maiden at Lingfield (7f, good to firm). YO KIRI-B 2½l 2nd of 4 to Rupan in maiden at Ripon (1m 1f, good to firm).
Selection: FRESH RUNNER

5.45 HOLIDAY TIME HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,273: 1m 4yd) (16 runners)

1 (14) 303231 HAPPY HOSTAGE 14 (D,F) (J Morrison) M Johnston 9-7 J Weaver 94
2 (7) 0-14000 ADMIRALS FLAME 15 (D,S) (W Grubmuller) C Wall 9-6 W Woods 92
3 (11) 6340-00 PERSIAN HERITAGE 15 (W Allgood) J Payne 9-3 L Dettori 92
4 (2) 054400 JUST FLAMENCO 17 (C,S) (Mrs S Martin) M Ryan 9-2 T Ives 98
5 (6) 000052 IN A MOMENT 26 (V,G) (D Scott) S Norton 9-0 J Tate (3) 95
6 (16) 000441 LINCOLN TREASURE 36 (G) (M O'Toole) M Chapman 8-13 D R McCabe (5) 93
7 (10) 402013 CALDER KING 14 (D,F) (C Barker) J Eyre 8-11 N Varley (5) 98
8 (8) 000-062 SAWTID 15 (C,F) (J R Lecure Ltd) D Morris 8-10 P Robinson 99
9 (4) 514160 MURPHY'S GOLD 6 (D,F) (D Read) R Fahey 8-9 J Stack (7) 94
10 (13) 500-3 NORTHWISE 15 (W Haigh) W Haigh 8-9 Dale Gibson 92
11 (15) 602550 MCGILLYCUDDY REEKS 33 (N Sweeney) R Hollinshead 8-5 K Darley 94
12 (5) 000050 SHARP DESIRE 43 (M Britain) M Britain 8-3 A Munro 90
13 (9) 00-0 BAIRN GLEN 31 (G Platt) G Oldroyd 8-2 L Charnock –
14 (12) 00-0140 DOUBLE-D 19 (F) (Miss S Chidgey) M Bell 7-12 J Fanning 91
15 (3) 0-00300 CHIEFTAIN'S CROWN 7 (B) (J Stone) A Hide 7-11 J Quinn 93
16 (1) 040-050 MUCKROSS PARK 2 (A White) K Hogg 7-11 A Daly (7) 88

BETTING: 5-1 Happy Hostage, 6-1 Sawtid, 7-1 Northwise, In A Moment, 8-1 Calder King, Lincoln Treasure, 10-1 Murphy's Gold, 12-1 Persian Heritage, 14-1 Double-D, 16-1 Admiral's Flame, 20-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

HAPPY HOSTAGE beat Carlton Express ¾l in 11-runner maiden handicap at Hamilton (1m 110yd, good to firm). PERSIAN HERITAGE best effort last season when 4¼l 3rd of 11 to Footsteps in nursery handicap at Newmarket (7f, good). JUST FLAMENCO best effort this season when 2l 4th of 16 to Blair Castle in handicap over course and distance (good) in May. IN A MOMENT 1½l 2nd of 11 to Colorful Ambition in handicap at Redcar (1m 1f, good). LINCOLN TREASURE beat Frankly My Dear 2l in 8-runner seller at Yarmouth (7f, good). CALDER KING 7l 3rd of 7 to Mazeeka in claimer at Hamilton (1m 110yd, good to firm). SAWTID 2l 2nd of 10 to Prizefighter in handicap at Sandown (1m, good to firm), with ADMIRALS FLAME (3lb better off) 12l 8th and PERSIAN HERITAGE (5lb better off) 3l last. MURPHY'S GOLD best recent effort when beating HAPPY HOSTAGE (1lb worse off) 1l in handicap at Ayr (1m, good to firm). NORTHWISE 4¼l 3rd of 9 to Mareha in handicap at Doncaster (1m, good to firm). SHARP DESIRE 6¼l 5th of 11 to Frustrated Poet in handicap at Redcar (7f, firm). DOUBLE-D best effort this season when beating Pleasure Trick by ½l in handicap at Edinburgh (7f 15yd, good to firm) in June. CHIEFTAIN'S CROWN 9l 3rd of 11 to Mr Diamond in handicap at Redcar (1m 1f, good to firm).
Selection: MURPHY'S GOLD

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Dangerous ground curtails Exeter

NATIONAL Hunt racing at Exeter yesterday was abandoned after the first race owing to the dangerous state of the ground after heavy rain.

Richard Dunwoody, riding the eventual odds-on winner, First Century, in the Triplepoint Novices' Hurdle, slipped on the turn for home but recovered well to beat Little Miss Ribot by 1¾ lengths, with Fair Enchantress tailed off last of three.

He and the other two jockeys, Carl Llewellyn and Darren O'Sullivan, met the stewards to complain about the ground and the rest of the meeting was called off. The clerk of the course, Richard Merton, said: "The stewards looked at a video of the first race with the three jockeys concerned and it was obvious that the ground was slippery, so, in the interests of safety, they decided to abandon the meeting."

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Pontefract

Going: good to firm

2.45 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, PENNINE PINK (D Griffiths, 9-4 fav); 2, Potsclose (C Teague, 7-2); 3, Quiet Amusement (Jo Hunnam, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Simaat (4th), 16 Winn's Pride. 5 ran. ¾l, 3l. M Prescott at Newmarket. Tote: £2.90; £1.20, £2.20. DF: £3.60. CSF: £9.45.

3.15 (6f) 1, RAAH ALGHARB (W R Swinburn, 4-9 fav); 2, Mr Teigh (J Tate, 11-1); 3, Top Fella (T Ives, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Royal Explorer (4th), 12 Wandering Minstrel (5th), 14 Montague Dawson, 33 Boost, 40 Bollin Harry, 66 Riva-Deva, Silverdale Count (6th). 10 ran. 3½l, 5l, 1¾l, 3½l, 5l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £2.50, £3.10. DF: £7.70. CSF: £8.84.

3.45 (1m 4f 8yd) 1, NASHVILLE STAR (K Darley, 7-4 fav); 2, Persian Linnet (S Copp, 9-2); 3, Carapelle (M Birch, 15-8). ALSO RAN: 6 Rita's Joy (5th), 16 Superhoo (6th), 33 China's Pearl, 66 Astrology, Forest Silk (4th). 8 ran. 1½l, nk, 3½l, 2½l, 2l. Mrs M Reveley at Saltburn. Tote: £2.90; £1.30, £1.50, £1.30. DF: £4.20. CSF: £9.68. Bought in 4,800gns.

4.15 (1m 4yd) 1, COMANCHE COMPANION (A Munro, 16-1); 2, Desert Green (W R Swinburn, 11-8 fav); 3, Pride Of Pendle (J Stack, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Lord Oberon (5th), 7-2 Saw Mill (4th), 20 Debsy Do (6th). 6 ran. Sh hd, 2l, ½l, 1¾l, 2½l. T Naughton at Epsom. Tote: £16.10; £3.10, £1.40. DF: £16.00. CSF: £38.08.

4.45 (5f) 1, SEASIDE MINSTREL (D Griffiths, 12-1); 2, Followmegirls (A Munro, 5-1); 3, Invigilate (J Weaver, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Broadstairs Beauty (5th), 8 Dayjuz, 9 Souperficial (6th), 10 Farndale, Kabcast (4th), Manor Adventure, Shadow Jury, 14 Four Of Spades. 11 ran. 2l, ½l, 1¼l, 2½l, 1¾l. D Williams at Newbury. Tote: £18.70; £5.20, £2.00, £3.40. DF: £51.60. Trio: £222.50. CSF: £83.59. Tricast: £872.51.

5.15 (6f) 1, LADY-BO-K (P Bowe, 7-2 fav); 2, Earth Charter (R Price, 12-1); 3, Kilnamartyra Girl (A Clark, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Aryaah (5th), 7 Yo-Cando, 10 Heart Broken, Level Edge (6th), Sweet Whisper, 12 Sing With The Band, 16 Oneni Air (4th). 10 ran. 5l, ¾l, hd, ½l, 2½l. A Hide at Newmarket. Tote: £4.80; £1.80, £6.50, £2.00. DF: £32.00. Trio: £55.50. CSF: £40.27. Tricast: £191.36.

5.45 (1m 4f 8yd) 1, BRENTWOOD (J Reid, 4-5 fav); 2, Manolete (N Kennedy, 66-1); 3, Fadi (A Munro, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Jangada (6th), 9 Lady Marguerrite (5th), 12 Opera Buff (4th), 33 Newgate Bubbles. 7 ran. Nk, sh hd, 5l, 7l, ½l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £1.70; £1.30, £8.90. DF: £21.40. CSF: £30.00.

6.15 (6f) 1, ALAMI (R Hills, 8-11 fav, Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Saltz (P McCabe, 10-1); 3, Bonita (A Munro, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Little Father (4th), 15-2 Tidal Reach (5th), 33 Tessajoe, 50 Shalta Chief, Spanish Steps (6th). 8 ran. NR: Platinum Plus. 5l, 3½l, ¾l, 1l, ½l. H Thomson Jones at Newmarket. Tote: £1.70; £1.30, £2.60, £1.60. DF: £8.80. CSF: £9.29.

Jackpot: £9,872.40 (0.1 winning tickets. Pool of £12,514.33 carried forward to Pontefract today).
Placepot: £14.80. Quadpot: £12.50.

Brighton

Going: firm

2.35 (5f 59yd) 1, DOLLY FACE (Stephen Davies, 10-1); 2, Nagnagnag (J Carroll, 7-4 fav); 3, Mehtar (G Duffield, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 4 In Love Again (4th), 9-2 Eighth Heaven, 6 Tomal (6th), 10 Astral Invader, 25 Just Jesting (5th). 8 ran. ½l, 4l, nk, 2l, 3½l. W Muir at Lambourn. Tote: £10.00; £1.80, £1.40, £2.20. DF: £11.80. CSF: £27.65. Tricast: £186.57.

3.05 (7f 214yd) 1, MAZEEKA (T Quinn, 2-5 fav); 2, Flair Lady (T Sprake, 11-2); 3, Swinging Sixties (B Rouse, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Bosky (4th). 4 ran. 2l, nk, 25l. M Channon at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £1.40. DF: £1.90. CSF: £3.06. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

3.35 (1m 3f 196yd) 1, ONE VOICE (G Duffield, 1-3 fav); 2, Sun Grebe (T Quinn, 11-2); 3, Scorched Air (M Hills, 9-2). 3 ran. 13l, 8l. M Prescott at Newmarket. Tote: £1.40. CSF: £2.33.

4.05 (1m 3f 196yd) 1, CONE LANE (A Whelan, 12-1); 2, Rachelly (Stephen Davies, 8-1); 3, Call Me Albi (B Rouse, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Fabulous Princess (4th), 4 Carousel Music, 9 Badawi (5th), 10 Mexican Dancer, 11 Mena (6th), 12 Bold Flame, 50 My Song Of Songs. 10 ran. 3½l, nk, 2l, 5l, nk. B Gubby at Bagshot. Tote: £10.80; £3.00, £2.70, £2.00. DF: £41.90. Trio: £127.00. CSF: £100.22. Tricast: £378.33. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

4.35 (6f 209yd) 1, THE LITTLE FERRET (B Rouse, Evens); 2, Eastons (T Quinn, 8-11 fav). 2 ran. 8l. G L Moore at Epsom. Tote: £2.20.

5.05 (6f 209yd) 1, NONIOS (R Cochrane, 7-4 fav, Richard Evans's nap); 2, Espla (C Nutter, 5-2); 3, Pharsical (G Bardwell, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Don Pepe (4th), 11-2 Possibility (5th), 15-2 Belle Ile (6th). 6 ran. 1½l, 2½l, 3l, 3l, dist. B Meehan at Lambourn. Tote: £2.70; £1.60, £1.50. DF: £5.70. CSF: £6.69.

Placepot: £30.10. Quadpot: £9.00.

Exeter

Going: hard

2.00 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, First Century (R Dunwoody, 8-11 fav); 2, Little Miss Ribot (7-4); 3, Fair Enchantress (5-1). 3 ran. 1¾l, 30l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.30. DF: £1.50. CSF: £2.28.

Remainder of meeting abandoned owing to dangerous state of ground.

Eddery returns to fray

PAT Eddery returns to the saddle in France today, having been suffering from dehydration since Saturday.

The champion jockey rides the Roger Charlton-trained Yenda, a half-sister to the Derby winner, Quest For Fame, in the £13,730 listed Prix de Thiberville over an extended mile and a half at Deauville.

Yenda, who faces ten rivals, looked a useful prospect when spreadeagling her field over a mile and a half at Kempton on July 6. Owned by Khaled Abdulla, Yenda could face the strongest challenge from Set Fair, a daughter of Alleged trained by André Fabre, who also runs in Abdulla's colours.

□ Raah Algharb, runner-up in the Windsor Castle Stakes at Royal Ascot, broke his duck in impressive fashion in the first division of the CSS Sdn Bhd Maiden Stakes at Pontefract yesterday. He will now step back up in class in the Scottish Equitable Gimcrack Stakes at York on August 17.

Gathering of clan brings sweet memory for Swede

By Patricia Davies

MICKEY Walker, Europe's Solheim Cup captain, flew from the Curtis Cup at Chattanooga to Edinburgh for a reunion dinner on Tuesday at Dalmahoy, scene of that sensational golf victory over the United States two years ago, then headed home to Essex, exhausted, to minister to her members at The Warren.

Before she left, having corrected Dale Reid's wayward putting, Walker made a pilgrimage to the 16th green to lay hands on the surface where Catrin Nilsmark had holed the putt that won the Solheim Cup, and store up good omens for the defence of the trophy at The Greenbrier, in West Virginia, in October.

All ten of the team that won the cup are assembled here again, for the inaugural New Skoda women's Scottish Open, which starts today, and all of them enjoyed reliving the magical moments from that dank October weekend two years ago. Walker had brought the video to jog everyone's memory but Nilsmark scarcely needed it.

"I remember everything," the Swede said. "When I was playing the 16th in practice, I got goose bumps. I could see the people, remember the feeling, everything. It's sad in a way, for I know that moment is never going to come back."

Since then, Nilsmark has won her first tournament, the Ford Classic at Woburn earlier this year, and she found it very difficult to choose between the experiences. "They're two very different sorts of happiness," she said. "I think in a way that Woburn was special, because it was over four days, it's what we do every week."

The course the players will encounter this week is very different from two years ago, because it is not saturated. It measures 6,202 yards but is playing short because, as Laura Davies, the world No 1, put it: "The fairways are so good and so hard." Davies, who won her thirtieth tournament in Dublin last Sunday, was hitting wedges at most of the par fours and had six birdies in succession, and eight in all, in the pro-am.

The scoring is bound to be good, weather permitting, for Davies is not the only plunderer of birdies on show. Helen Alfredsson, the big-hitting Swede, who was 13 under par and eight shots ahead of the eventual champion. Patty Sheehan, at one stage of the US women's Open two weeks ago before losing her putting touch, has her confidence fully restored. She won the Ping/Welch's championship in Massachusetts on Sunday, leaving Pat Bradley and Juli Inkster four shots in her wake with a last round of 66.

She is developing the sort of resilience Liselotte Neumann, her countrywoman, has always had. Neumann spent last week at St Andrews and conceded she was very close to her best. "There are always things you feel you can improve," she said, "but I'm playing pretty steady." She is, literally, a major player, and, with Davies and Alfredsson, a certainty to retain her Solheim Cup place.

One of the hopefuls, who must start showing good form soon, is Florence Descampe, the Belgian with explosive tendencies. She arrived on Monday afternoon to find she had not, in fact, entered. However, Terry Coates, the executive director of the Women Professional Golfers' European Tour, decided it was a genuine mistake and allowed her in.

Ballesteros plays role of provider

From Mel Webb in Munich

SEVERIANO Ballesteros returns to the PGA European Tour when he tees up in the BMW International Open that starts at St Eurach today. He is not sure if he has recovered from the back injury that led to his early retirement from the Dutch Open two weeks ago, but the arrival of another mouth to feed in the Ballesteros household has persuaded him that he really ought to be earning some money to keep the wolves from the door.

Ballesteros played only four holes at Hilversum before giving best to his creaky back, a chronic problem from which he has suffered for years and which flared up again two days before the tournament started.

"I sat on the terrace having dinner and giving an interview on the Tuesday night, and I suffered a lot the next day," he said. "On Thursday morning, I didn't feel too bad when I was practising, but it was not long before I had to tell Billy, my caddie, that I was going to have to pull out."

Ballesteros's premature departure did at least enable him to be present when Carmen, his wife, gave birth to their third child, a sister for Baldomero and Miguel. For those who like to cluck maternally at such events, the baby weighed in at 3.7kg, which is approximately 8lb 2½oz in old money, and has been named Carmen after her mother and her father's mother. Yesterday, he looked as if, on balance, he would probably rather be back home in Spain than here in Germany.

Ballesteros has done little to prepare himself for this week or indeed next, when he will be playing in the US PGA Championship in Tulsa. He played nine holes twice last week and hit 100 desultory balls one afternoon. "I wanted to rest," he said.

It was 17 years ago that the young Ballesteros came to St Eurach to play in the Braun International. Typically, he remembered that he won. Another victory this week would save the growing Ballesteros family from dining on cheese and pickle sandwiches for a little longer.

JASPER JUINEN



John Whitaker, of Britain, rides Everest Gammon in the speed competition at the world show-jumping championships in The Hague yesterday. Report, page 44

Morceli's great ambition puts him miles ahead

By David Powell, Athletics Correspondent

It was not much before midnight on Tuesday by the time Noureddine Morceli had left the track here in Monte Carlo after setting a 3,000 metres world record. Here was an athlete who deserved a lie-in, but did he take it? No. There were further records to plan and, more urgently, training to be done.

By breakfast-time yesterday he was on his way to St Moritz for altitude training, not having seen his family for seven months, an athlete dedicated to the pursuit of greatness. He wants people to say, when he retires, that there went the best middle-distance runner in history. "That is my dream," he said yesterday.

His claim is growing. He holds five world records, three outdoors, two indoors, and has won three 1,500 metres world titles, two outdoors and one indoors. His mind was racing yesterday morning at the thought of more records this season, at the mile, 1,500 metres, 2,000 metres and 5,000 metres. "I have been training my whole life for this season," he said. He spoke, too, of running a mile in 3min 40sec eventually.

Morceli, 24, from Algeria, believes that of all his records his 3min 44.39sec mile is the best. It is two seconds faster than Steve Cram's quickest, three seconds better than Sebastian Coe ran, and four seconds up on Steve Ovett's best.

He said the 5,000 metres world record of 12min 56.96sec, set by Haile Gebresilasie, of Ethiopia, can come down to 12min 45sec in the foreseeable future. Morceli has not raced a 5,000 metres since his 13min 25.20sec in 1990 and it will be interesting to see whether, having run faster than Said Aouita at 1,500 metres, the mile and 3,000 metres, he can do the same at 5,000 metres. Aouita's 12min 58.39sec was the world record before Gebresilasie beat it two months ago and the Moroccan remains the athlete who has demonstrated the widest range, from 800 metres in 1min 43.86sec to 10,000 metres in 27min 26.11sec.

Morceli's 3,000 metres in 7min 25.11sec was the biggest improvement on the world record for 29 years, since Kip Keino reduced it by 6.6sec to 7min 39.6sec. Morceli chopped off 3.85sec. Yet these are commercial times, when promoters and kit-sponsors pay handsomely for world records. Sergey Bubka chips away at the pole-vault record one centimetre at a time, making his next record, and bonus, less difficult; but Morceli went for the best he could give.

Morceli's 1,500 metres world record is 3min 28.86sec. "I believe that if you run 7min 25sec for 3,000 metres you should run 3min 26sec for 1,500 metres and 3min 42sec for the mile."

Gentle and polite, Morceli is firm about money. He refused to compete in the Dream Mile in Oslo this year because the organisers would not meet his price. Hardly a Dream Mile with the dream-maker missing. "They [the promoters] must accept my work," Morceli said. "A lot of people want to see a world record but they do not want to pay for it. If you get injured nobody remembers Morceli."

From a family of nine children, Morceli's imagination for athletics was fired by the performance of his brother, Abderrahmane, in finishing fourth behind Ovett in the 1977 World Cup 1,500 metres. It did not take long for him to fall out with the Algerian federation and he packed his bags for college in the United States after he was not picked for the 1988 Olympic Games.

He misses his family while he is away racing and training but does not enjoy returning to Algeria, where, given the political revolution, he fears the bullet. "Some people are crazy," he said. "If you are a symbol, some people are against you." The gun is music to his ears only when it is fired by the starter.

SPORTS LETTERS

Was Atherton stitched up?

From Mr Patrick Ryall

Sir, My mother's first action on purchasing a new set of flannels for her cricketing sons was to sew up all the pockets.

Mrs Atherton, please copy.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK RYALL,
The Old Rectory,
Timolin,
Moone,
County Kildare

From Mr Alan Ansley

Sir, Amid the soil controversy, Ivo Tennant (July 28) reported that Allan Donald hoped Michael Atherton would remain as England captain.

Well, of course he would; why change a losing team?

Yours faithfully,
ALAN ANSLEY,
3 Mayhill Drive,
Salford,
Lancashire

From Mr A. J. Colbert

Sir, Accusations, admissions and boasts of cricket ball-doctoring pile one upon the other, suggesting that the cheating has been going on universally almost forever and is opposed by wimps only.

Practice is at odds with law and spirit.

The solution is easy and thoroughly consistent with modern principles. Just list all known and possible ball-doctoring methods, legalise the lot and add an "any other" clause.

Twelfth man could openly attend the bowler, equipped with a sling-supported tray loaded with bottle tops, coins, pocket-knives, resins and soil (all existing tools of the trade, allegedly), plus a vice, pincers, chisels, glass paper, buffing pads, polishes and any other ball-adjusting devices that generous new sponsors may wish to supply for the improvement of the game.

Hail to open cricket and here comes a multi-bluff in-out straight swinger yorker, courtesy of . . .

Yours faithfully,
A. J. COLBERT,
25, Leigh Road,
Walsall, West Midlands.

Gibbs conundrum

From Mr Steve Hawke

Sir, I wonder what British rugby union officials and sports writers who have made careers out of whining about "shamateurism" in southern hemisphere rugby union will make of the Scott Gibbs revelations.

Yours faithfully,
STEVE HAWKE,
Quarry Park,
Gooseberry Lane,
Pensilva
Liskeard, Cornwall.

Mediocrity rules

From Mr E. G. Mosely

Sir, Since I started playing bowls some years ago, I have always been impressed by the courtesy and friendliness of all the players I have met. I was therefore somewhat shocked to learn from a television programme that the Scottish women's bowls team was advised by its trainer not to become friends with its opponents or to applaud their good shots.

If such gamesmanship is the price of success, I prefer to remain a rather mediocre player.

Yours faithfully,
E. G. MOSELY,
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Bushey Heath,
Hertfordshire.

Corinthian approach

From the president, British Association for Sport and Law

Sir, One crucial omission exists in Simon Barnes's admirable analysis (August 3) of variations upon the enigmatic cheating and fair play themes in sport. This is the difference and imbalance between the corruption of the laws and rules of play at the alleged entertainment levels and what should at least be taught at the age of innocence in schools.

It was all crystallised and illuminated in I Corinthians ix, 24:

"Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.
And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible."

For these reasons, the Corinthian Football Club's concept of playing according to the spirit and rules of play is still upheld as the ideal attainment built into its name. This has christened an ethic recognised and renowned around the world, including the Sport Club Corinthians Paulista, in Brazil. It is the bedrock of all sporting culture.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD GRAYSON,
4, Paper Buildings,
Temple, EC4.

Practical advice

From Mr Mike Lawrence

Sir, I watched the start of the German Grand Prix with horror, but a thought occured to me. Accidents of this sort happen chiefly because the starters are too closely bunched. Teams spend two expensive days achieving so-called "qualifying" times. Why are these times not put to some practical use in the race itself?

Yours faithfully,
MIKE LAWRENCE,
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Green Street Green, Kent.

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MATCHES PLAYED 30TH JULY 1994

LITTLEWOODS POOLS

THIS WEEK'S 4 TOP WINNERS

SWANSEA MAN WINS	£576,829	MICHAEL DERRYSHIRE FROM MANCHESTER WINS	£579,163
WEST LOTHIAN MAN WINS	£576,829	GARRY BROOMHOUSE FROM NORWICH WINS	£576,829

TREBLE CHANCE
24 Pts £576,113.25
23½ Pts £2,993.35
23 Pts £247.60
22½ Pts £44.75
22 Pts £10.65
21½ Pts £3.45
4 DRAWS £2.50
10 HOMES £328.60
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6 Dividends only. See Rule(f).
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BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Florida 3 Chicago 2 (in 10inns); Cincinnati 9 San Francisco 7; Montreal 5 St Louis 4; Pittsburgh 3 Philadelphia 2; New York 4 Atlanta 1; Houston 3 Colorado 1; Los Angeles 7 San Diego 6 (in 11inns).
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Toronto 8 Boston 7; Detroit 12 Cleveland 9; Kansas City 6 Oakland 4; New York 7 Milwaukee 1; Baltimore 10 Minnesota 0; Chicago 6 Texas 2; Seattle 10 California 2.

BOWLS

LEAMINGTON SPA: EWBA triples championship: Semi-finals: Egham bt Borough Park 17-13; Penryn bt Fernhill 16-15.
Fours: Preliminary round: Blackwell, Derbyshire (G Haines) bt Southorpe, Norfolk (E Barnes) 26-19; Townsent, St Albans, Hertfordshire (M Colson) bt Woburn Sands, Buckinghamshire (J Lees) 23-19; Dudleigh Salterton, Devon (E Massey) bt Westlands, Isle of Wight (J Dain) 30-8; Kibworth, Leicestershire (D Haines) bt Chippenham, Cambridgeshire (D Buckle) 31-15; Nuclear Electric, Gloucestershire (C Magee) bt Edmonton, Middlesex (S White) 18-15; Wantage, Berks (M Shepherd) bt Walton-on-Thames, Surrey (M Bell-Hough) 23-19. First round: Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire (R Avery) bt Derby West End (D Thompson) 26-12; Skegness Vine, Lincolnshire (J Adams) bt Kidderminster Gilt Edge, Worcestershire (E O'Hara) 30-19; Peterborough and District, Huntingdon (C Anton) bt Welford on Avon, Warwickshire (Y Francis) 20-19; Rodbourne, Wiltshire (H Walker) bt Bolton, Lancashire (N Haslam) 17-16, West Cornwall (V Ireland) bt Flitwick, Bedfordshire (J Budd) 21-20 (after extra end); North Walsham, Norfolk (M Hannant) bt Kettering Lodge, Northamptonshire (A Wright) 25-20; Balderton, Notts (J Wells) bt Yatton, Somerset (N Reed) 23-21; Liberty of Havering, Essex (A Moore) bt Roundwood, Suffolk (A Baxter) 26-7; Durham City (J Cleet) bt Acomb, Yorkshire (B Love) 22-15; Hinckley Sweet Pea, Leicestershire (J Meakin) bt Rose Leisure, Gainsborough, Lincs (M Ward) 24-8; Palm Cottage, Gillingham, Kent (L Ryan) bt Bassetbury Manor, Buckinghamshire (D Wingrove) 15-14; Workington, Cumbria (N Fleet) bt Bridport, Dorset (J Smith) 20-11; Kingswood and Hanham, Gloucestershire (C Cloke) bt Standards, Harlow, Essex (P Jarvis) 24-15; Broomfield, Middlesex (B Hurst) bt Northdown, Kent (E Panton) 18-16; City and County of Oxford (I Molyneux) bt Oakley, Hants (K Kerley) 20-11; Brixham, Devon (W Barnard) bt Erdington Court (J Ceams) 28-7; Seaton Burn, Northumberland (L Lennie) bt Field Place, Worthing, Sussex (W Dawes) 26-13; Southey, Surrey (P Biddlecombe) bt Leominster, Herefordshire (G Eley) 19-14; Bodmin, Cornwall (V Brooker) bt Southport, Lancashire (M Marshall) 25-19; Tilehurst, Berkshire (I Mace) bt Alnwick, Northumberland (S Daley) 24-14; Totland, Isle of Wight (M Fowler) bt Consett Park, Durham (E Stokoe) 21-20; Otley, Suffolk (J Farrow) bt Hornsea, Yorkshire (M Seabrook) 23-13; Langford, Beds (J Bradley) bt Frome Park, Somerset (J Dewings) 30-10; Banbury Central, Oxon (C Campion) bt Box, Wiltshire (A Jacobs) 22-12; Southbourne, Hampshire (D Knopp) bt Peterborough and District, Huntingdon (M Malton) 22-9; Kingsthorpe, Northants (V Wade) bt March Conservatives, Cambridgeshire (D Miller) 24-17; Bridport, Dorset (S Jones) bt Kirkbridge, Cumbria (R Barnes) 26-15; Malvern Manor Park, Worcestershire (G Lloyd) bt Polegrove, Sussex (A Moore) 25-19; Carlton Conway, Nottinghamshire (B Atherton) bt Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire (J Bullock) 18-17.
Bournemouth: Open tournament: Singles: Second round: I Reeves bt L Pope 21-10; M Osborne bt C Hayward 21-11, F Lewis bt H Hill 21-15; R Redford bt I Brewster 21-3, R George bt T Cuthbertson 21-9; A Perry bt J Hanes 21-11; G Sanders bt L Plummer 21-15, J Williamson bt G Blake 21-20; I Middlemast bt K Cousins 21-19; P Wilson bt L James 21-20; P King bt B Greber 21-11; W Graver bt A Mayne 21-16; C Bertram bt A Atkinson 21-18; D Morgan bt M Martin 21-2, I Stanger bt V Jones 21-14; W Gathercole bt J Guy 21-18; A Ash bt D Welland 21-13; R Morgan bt D Colbourne 21-16; R Kemp bt J Fishlock 21-18; A Parnell bt I Rowlinson 21-16, N Jones bt A Aitken 21-9; D Ward bt J Withers 21-13; C Maran bt M O'Keefe 21-11; C Ward bt J Birch 21-7; M Ward bt R Birmingham 21-19; A Wills bt J Hynds 21-10; R Gass bt N Chapman 21-14; I Davis bt J Cowling 21-9; D Bishop bt P Blake 21-8; C Stanger bt B Swannie 21-7; M King bt C Hayden 21-14, G Moon bt A Lewis 21-15; J Searle bt M Knight 21-1; L Barnes bt B Miller 21-19; N Karge bt D Clark 21-10.

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Chester-le-Street; Middlesex 266-9 dec (R J Sims 82); Durham 32-0. Oval: Glamorgan 363-7 dec (R D B Croft 88, S P James 80, A Jones 67 not out); Surrey 10-0. Southend: Yorkshire 219 (M C Ilott 6-48) and 168-4; Essex 220 (G Khan 106 not out, A Wharf 4-65). Maidstone: Kent 238 (M J Walker 103) and 83-1; Hampshire 227 (J S Laney 65). Nottingham: Gloucestershire 273 (D R Hewson 81, R C J Williams 74; J E Hindson 6-81); Nottinghamshire 438-3 (P R Pollard 260no, M P Dowman 120no). Old Trafford: Sussex 327-7 dec (K Newell 94, N Pratt 61); Lancashire 38-3. Cleveland: Somerset 336-3 dec (N D Burns 84, K A Parsons 94, N A Folland 106 not out). Northamptonshire 60-1. Match drawn. Edgbaston: Worcestershire 350-8 dec (D L Houghton 116, S W K Ellis 61; M A Sheikh 4-52); Warwickshire 61-1 dec and 149-8. Match drawn.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Lakenham: Norfolk 224-6 dec (S C Goldsmith 76, C J Rogers 53) and 20-0; Northumberland 162 (G Hallam 70; R A Bunting 5-38). Camborne: Shropshire 189-9 dec and 134-7 dec (Marball 62, Johnson 30); Cornwall 176 (Nicholson 46) and 131-8 (Thomas 55, Nicholson 31). Cornwall beat Shropshire by four wickets. Trowbridge: Cheshire 225-8 and 88-0; Wiltshire 201-5 (S Pemn 123 not out). Match drawn.
WELLINGTON COLLEGE: India Under-19 266-2 (N Nuzumdar 100 not out, J Singh 84, V V S Laxman 54 not out); League Cricket Conference 127 (B Rao 5-28). India won by 139 runs.
OTHER MATCH (55 overs): Army 241-9 (Redfern 105, St George 54); MCC Young Cricketers 242-4 (Rao 123 not out, Lynch 87). MCC Young Cricketers won by six wickets.
OAKHAM: India Under-17 221-4 (H Singh 50, N Haidpur 74, S Das 58 not out) v England Under-17.
WOMENS' CRICKET ASSOCIATION: Area championships: East Anglia 60; Yorkshire 62-3. Yorkshire won by 8 wickets. East Midlands 228-8; Surrey 203. East Midlands won by 20 runs. Kent 209-3; Lancashire and Cheshire 188-4. Kent won by 21 runs. West Midlands 135-8; Middlesex 136-1. Middlesex won by nine wickets. Surrey I 263-4; Thames Valley 201-6. Surrey I won by 62 runs. Sussex 153-9; The West 154-2. The West won by eight wickets.

EQUESTRIANISM

THE HAGUE: World Games: Show Jumping: First phase: Individual: 1, Interpane Goldlights (M Fuchs, Switz) 78.48sec 0.00faults; 2, Everest Dollar Girl (N Skelton, GB) 82.62, 2.07; 3, Baiko Rocco V (P Rozier, Fr) 82.82, 2.17; 4, Fan Schalkhaar (E Macken, Ire) 82.91, 2.21; 5, San Patrignano Welhawej (F Sloothaak, Ger) 83.32, 2.42; 6, Souviens Toi III Equus (R-Y Bost, Fr) 83.38, 2.42; 7, PS Priamos (D Hafemeister, Ger) 83.58, 2.55; 8, Loro Piana Special Envoy (R Pessoa, Br) 84.03, 2.77; 9, Everest Midnight Madness (M Whitaker, GB) 85.51, 3.51; 10, Miss San Patrignano (M Robert, Fr) 86.04, 3.78. Team: 1, France 8.37faults; 2, Germany 8.88; 3, Switzerland 9.67; 4, Great Britain 11.64; 5, Brazil 13.28; 6, Ireland 16.13; 7, Canada 21.99; 8, United States 22.90; 9, Holland 27.10; 10, Italy 28.85.

FOOTBALL

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Ayr 1 Middlesbrough 2; Dunfermline 1 West Ham United 0; Halifax 0 Doncaster 0; Rosenborg (Norway) 0 Manchester City 1; Molde (Norway) 0 Oldham Athletic 1; Pors (Norway) 1 Blackburn Rovers 6; Stromsgodset (Norway) 1 Arsenal 5; Wigan 2 Sheffield Wednesday 2; Celtic 2 Ramengo 2; Charlton Athletic 0 Crystal Palace 1; Witton 3 Bury 1; Stirling Albion 0 Hibernian 2 Bradford City 0 Huddersfield 2; Brighton 0 Tottenham Hotspur 3 Leyton Orient 1 Southampton 2; Barnsley 3 Hull City 3. Cheltenham Town 2 Manchester City XI 3; Welling Utd 2 Northampton Town 0; Larne 0 Raith Rovers 2. Glentoran 0 Partick 2; Galway 0 Kilmarnock 0; Halifax 0 Doncaster 0

GLIDING

RIETI, Italy: European championships. Open: Seventh day (300.5km): 1, R Brigliadori (It) ASW22BL, 132.4kph, 706pts; 2, S Wujczak (Pol) ASH25, 130.4, 698; 3, L Urban (Italy) Nimbus 3, 128.4, 687. British: 8, R May (ASH25) 123.2, 614; 18, J Gorringe (ASH25) 114.5, 526. Overall: 1, B Gantenbrink (Ger) Nimbus 4, 6,084; 2, M Heller (Ger) ASH25, 5960; 3, F Hauser (Switz) 5,929. British: 13, May 5,411; 21, Gorringe 3,368. 15M: Seventh day (291.5km) 27 completions of 34: 1, S Ghiorzio (It) Ventus 2, 119.3kph, 777; 2, E Napoleon (Fr) LS6, 118.1, 764; 3, M Dedera (Cz) Ventus C, 115.7, 736. British: 39, P Jeffery (LS7W) 260km, 315; 31, E Lysakowski (Ventus B) 248.6km, 301; 32, J Edyvean (Ventus C) 39.3km, 48. Overall: 1, Ghiorzio (It) 5,817; 2, Dedera (Cz) 5,630; 3, M Meuser (Ger) Ventus 2, 5,525. British: 23, Edyvean 4,304; 27, Lysakowski 4,080; 31, Jeffery 3,800. Standard: Eighth day (283.2km): 1, J-M Caillard (Fr) ASW24, 112.0kph, 812; 2, B Selen (Holl) ASW24, 110.7, 798; 3, M Kuittinen (Fin) Discus, 110.4, 792. British: 5 D Campbell (Discus), 107.9, 33, G McAndrew (Discus) 73.3kph, 331. Overall: 1, E Ziegler (Ger) LS8, 6,728; 2, R Schramme (Ger) Discus, 6,716; 3, P Fischer (Ger) Discus, 6713. British: 19, Campbell 5,387; 24, McAndrew 5,168.

GOODWILL GAMES

BASKETBALL: Women: Group A: United States 92 Italy 37. Group B: China 77 Canada 51.
CANOEING: Men: Canadian: 500m: Singles: 1, A Kostoglod (Russ) 1min 52.82sec; 2, I Klementyev (Pol) 1:53.15; 3, A Gramovich (Belorus) 1:53.91; 4, E Jamieson (GB) 1:57.95. Pairs: 1, A Kabanov and P Konovalov (Russ) 1min 42.60sec; 2, C Frederiksen and B Dokkedal (Den) 1:42.94; 3, A Maseikov and D Dovgalyonok (Belorus) 1:44.55. Kayak: 500m: Singles: 1, K Holmann (Nor) 1min 39.39sec; 2, R Crichlow (Can) 1:41.73; 3, M Herbert (US) 1:43.53. Pairs: 1, A Tishchenko and O Goroby (Russ) 1min 29.65sec; 2, M Harbold and P Newton (US) 1min 31.08sec; 3, A Pyatrov and A Bazukov (Ukr) 1:32.23. Women: Kayak: 500m: Singles: 1, A Olsson (Swe) 1min 52.78sec; 2, V Morozova (Russ) 1min 55.21sec; 3, E Urbanczyk (Pol) 1:55.92.
GYMNASTICS: Men: Team: 1, Russia 171.200pts; 2, Belarus 167.875; 3, United States 165.525; 4, Romania 164.950; 5, China 163.950; 6, Italy 163.600; 7, Japan 160.550.
SPEED SKATING: Men: 500m: 1, M Camino (It) 45.56sec 2, S Kobyzev (Rus) 45.81; 3, F Blackburn (Can) 46.94sec. 1,000m: 1, M Gagnon (Can) 1min 38.22sec; 2, Blackburn 1:38.41; 3, A Gabel (US) 1:39.60.
Women: 500m: 1, I Charest (Can) 49.28sec; 2, N Lambert (Can) 49.31; 3, M Canclini (It) 49.47. 1,000m: 1, Cancini 1min 55.54sec; 2, Y Tikhanina (Rus) 1:55.97; 3, Charest 1:58.14.
VOLLEYBALL: Women: Cuba 3 Holland 0; Germany 3 Peru 1; Russia 3 Japan 0

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: New South Wales XV 18 Western Samoa XV 21 (in Newcastle).

SQUASH

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand: Men's world junior championship: Fourth Round: A Barada (Egypt) bt M Monto (Fin) 9-1, 9-6, 9-1; C Tomlinson (Eng) bt K Mehmoud (Pak) 3-9, 9-3, 9-1, 9-3; M Fleav (Aus) bt P Price (Aus) 9-3, 9-6, 10-9; T Lincou (Fr) bt M Cowie (Eng) 4-9, 1-9, 9-5, 9-5, 9-6; J Lee (HK) bt D Mudge (Aus) 3-9, 1-9, 9-5, 9-5, 9-3; O El Borolossy (Egypt) bt K Low (Malaysia) 9-2, 9-2, 9-6; I Higgins (Eng) bt J-M Arcucci (Fr) 1-9, 9-4, 9-2, 9-4; A Fayzi (Egypt) bt A Toss (Eng) 2-9, 9-6, 9-7, 9-4.

CRICKET

Second Cornhill Test match
11.0, first day of five
HEADINGLEY: England v South Africa

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, first day of four, 110 overs minimum
CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Gloucestershire
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Lancashire
CANTERBURY: Kent v Hampshire
LORD'S: Middlesex v Glamorgan
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Sussex
NOTTINGHAM: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire
TAUNTON: Somerset v Durham
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Warwickshire

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three): Chester-le-Street: Durham v Middlesex. Oval: Surrey v Glamorgan.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of two: Torquay: Devon v Shropshire. First day of two: Lakenham: Norfolk v Cambridgeshire.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Cardiff (one day): England Under-19 v India Under-19. Oakham: (final day of three): England Under-17 v India Under-17.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Open tournament (Bournemouth).
FOOTBALL: Pre-season matches (7.30): Berwick v Celtic XI; Brechin v Stoke; Doncaster v Birmingham; East Fife v Hibernian; St Johnstone v West Ham.
GOLF: Scottish Women's Open (Dalmahoy).

SWIMMING

COVENTRY: Speedo national age-group championships: Boys: Under-15: 100m freestyle: 1, M German (City of Bristol) 54.81sec; 2, M Kidd (Sutton and Cheam) 55.00; 3, A Johnson (City of Cardiff) 55.36. 200m freestyle: 1, C Pankhurst (City of Oxford) 1min 57.39sec; 2, C Nicholson (City of Newcastle) 1:58.13; 3, S Pike (Rochdale Aquabears) 1:58.32. 100m breaststroke: 1, D Mew (Isle of Wight) 1min 7.17sec; 2, M Kidd (Sutton and Cheam) 1:07.74; 3, M Spackman (Lincoln) 1:09.15. 100m butterfly: 1, C Taylor (City of Birmingham) 59.93sec; 2, J Stewart (Leatherhead) 1:00.29; 3, A Johnson (City of Cardiff) 1:00.35. 400m medley: 1, E Clement (Killerwhales) 4min 41.27sec, 2, J Warrinder (Portsmouth Northsea) 4:46.96; 3, S Snell (City of Cardiff) 2:50.60. Girls: Under-15: 100m freestyle: 1, A Gressby (City of Coventry) 1min 0.02sec; 2, S Starbuck (City of Leeds) 1:00.29; 3, C Mayer (City of Derby) 1:01.03. 400m medley: 1, C Provaz (Derwentside) 5min 12.56sec; 2, K Bunclark (Orpington) 5:13.80; 3, S Wootton (Borough of Wolverhampton) 5:15.86.

TENNIS

LOS ANGELES: Men's tournament (US unless stated): First round: M Petchey (GB) bt M Chang 7-5, 6-2; B Becker (Ger) bt G Stafford (Can) 7-6, 6-3; A Agassi bt N Kulti (Swe) 6-2, 6-1; J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt T Enqvist (Swe) 7-5, 6-4; J Palmer bt B Gilbert 6-7, 6-3, 6-4; M Woodforde (Aus) bt A O'Brien 2-6, 6-4, 6-4; C Adams bt S Pescosolido (It) 6-7, 6-0, 6-4.
PRAGUE: Men's tournament: First round: A Medvedev (Ukr) bt P Tramacchi (US) 7-6, 6-0; A Chesnokov (Russ bt O Ogorodov (Uzn) 6-4, 6-1; O Kristiansson (Swe) bt B Ulihrach (Cz) 6-2, 6-3; J Gisbert (Sp) bt M Blackman (US) 6-4, 6-2; B Larkham (Aus) bt H Gumy (Arg) 6-3, 5-7, 6-4; S Bruguera (Sp) bt J Novak (Cz) 6-7, 6-1, 6-1. Second round: J Sanchez (Sp) bt P Baur (Ger) 6-4, 7-6; J Burillo (Sp) bt M Filippini (Uru) 6-3, 6-3; J Arrese (Sp) bt M Ardinghi (It) 6-4, 6-3; A Chesnokov (Russ) bt B Larkham (Aus) 6-2, 6-1; O Martinez (Sp) bt J Gisbert (Sp) 6-0, 6-4.
SAN DIEGO: Women's tournament (US unless stated): First round: I Majoli (Cro) bt Eva Martincova (Cz) 7-6, 6-1; M Vento (Ven) bt S Jeyaseelan (Can) 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; G Fernandez bt L Golarsa (It) 6-4, 6-2; J Watanabe bt H Nagano (Japan) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; T Whitlinger-Jones bt J Byrne (Aus) 4-6, 6-3, 6-1; M Werdel bt S Collins 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; R McQuillan (Aus) bt R Simpson-Alter (Can) 6-2, 3-6, 7-5; G Helgeson bt K Quentrec (Fr) 6-3, 6-1. Second round: S Graf (Ger) bt A Dechaume-Balleret (Fr) 6-0, 6-1; J Halard (Fr) bt E Likhovtseva (Kaz) 1-6, 6-2, 6-0; L Davenport bt S Rottier (Holl) 6-2, 6-3; L Raymond bt A Strnadova (Cz) 6-3, 6-1;

YACHTING

MEDINA COWES WEEK: Royal Yacht Squadron: CHS Class 2: 1, Brightwork (C Fairholl); 2, Agincourt (J Whyte); 3, Aera (N Lykiardopulo). CHS Class 3: 1, Quencher (M Eaton); 2, Silver Shadow (R van der Veen); 3, Sunbeat V (W Courtney). CHS Class 5: 1, Trailblazer (J Layfield); 2, Addict (I Handley); 3, Backchat (R Townsend). CHS Class 4: 1, Gumdrop (T and D Andrews); 2, First of April (J Miller and J Robinson); 3, Toughnut (A Clifton). CHS Class 6: 1, Dynamite (J McIntosh); 2, Diamond (J Penn and A Nunn); 3, Purple Haze (J Dudley). MUMM 36: 1, Shogun (C Shatwell); 2, Vaporetto-Polti (C Vattulini); 3, Mumm A Mia (P Gale). Etchells: 1, Yes (A Gosling); 2, Raptor (A Eichenauer); 3, Rupert (R Holbrook). Daring: 1, Damsel (J Sheldon); 2, Darling (C Sharples); 3, Dauntless (P Porter). Dragon: 1, Hectic (J Williams); 2, Royjo (R Perkins); 3, Firefly (E and C Field). Sigma 38: 1, Summer Pudding (D Knight); 2, Highlander (G Logan); 3, Wind's Will (R Kendrick). Sonata: 1, Impromptu (P Sonksen); 2, Tadenzza (C Brigg and J Froy); 3, Nocturne (R Watson). Sigma 33: 1, Shadowfax (J Nelson); 2, Auditrac (D Harckham); 3, Moonshine (J Kelly). Redwing: 1, Quail (J Peel); 2, Red Gauntlet (V Stratton); 3, Siskin (T and Mrs M Montague Douglas-Scott). Sunbeam: 1, Danny (R Wickens); 2, Jenny (A Stannah); 3 Honey (W Dickson). J24: 1, Fruitcakes (J Bullock and A Wilson); 2, Virjin on the Ridiculous (C Stobart-Hook); 3, Headcase (J Calascione). Swallow: 1, Echo (C Body and S Miller); 2 Archon (J Vernon); 3, Boomerang (J Butwell and C Caws). Mermaid: 1, Bluebell (N and R Dobbs); 2, Cynthia (W Edwards); 3, Jade (R Prest). Contessa 32: 1, Trader Jo (J Gresham); 2, White Rabbit (P Ralls); 3, Blue Contessa II (R MacGregor). Squib: 1, Flying Circus (D Jobson); 2, Wipeout (S Wright); 3, Mignon (Mrs C Lloyd). Victory: 1, Zinnia (J Lear); 2, Nada (I Perryman); 3, Steadfast (B Middleditch). SCOD: 1, Tio Pepe (T and D Rooke); 2, Tuonela (R Harding); 3, Mahogany Log (A and P Hill). Flying 15: 1, Funny Feeling (R and J Mander); 2, Forrader (D Rutherford); 3, True Colours (M Dixon and S Scriven). XOD: 1, Wanda (P Baines); 2, Alvine (H Evans); 3, Beatrix (R Smith).
MUMBLES: Laser II European championship: Race 4: 1, S Murray and P Kameen (GB); 2, C Oldham and T Oldham (GB); 3, A McMillan and J Mears (GB); 4, J Collyer and L Miller (GB); 5, I Fryett and H Kathro (GB); 6, D Barry and S Baker (GB). Overall: 1, McMillan and Mears; 2, Murray and Kameen; 3, Oldham and Oldham.

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BERNICE

(b) Or *Berenice*, daughter of Herod Agrippa I. She was present with her brother Herod Agrippa II in Caesarea when Paul was examined by the procurator Festus and by his eloquence almost persuaded Agrippa to be a Christian. She rounded off a series of marriages and a bout of incest with Agrippa II by becoming the mistress of the future Emperor Titus who, however, was forced to get rid of her because she made herself too unpopular in Rome.

KETURAH

(b) The wife of Abraham after the death of Sarah. She had six sons whom Abraham endowed with gifts but sent eastward out of range of Isaac, his heir. Many peoples later claimed descent from Abraham through this dispersed progeny.

ACHISH

(b) King of Gath, and so one of the chief princes of the Philistines. He developed a friendship and alliance with David when David was on the run from the jealousy of Saul.

JAIRUS

(b) A synagogue elder who appealed to Jesus to save his 12-year-old daughter. When Jesus came to the house he was told that the girl was dead. Jesus said she was sleeping. Bystanders laughed, but Jesus ordered everyone out of the house and brought the girl back to life. Stanley Spencer painted a tryptich of the scene. It hangs in the Southampton Art Gallery.

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John Woodcock looks forward to a change of attitude at the Headingley Test

Atherton and England live dangerously

So Michael Atherton leads England into the second Test match against South Africa starting at Headingley today — and, on almost all the evidence, he is very fortunate to be doing so. If any of England's Test opponents had allowed their captain to keep his job after he had first rendered the ball and then dissembled about it, as Atherton did at Lord's, they would have been laughed to scorn.

Had it been Pakistan, the derision would have been heard from the Long Room to Cape York. I am not sure they would have found anyone to play against them for a year or two. Whether we like it or not, England's cricket captains *do* need to be above suspicion, and it *won't* do to apply one set of standards to Pakistan and another to England, unless England's is the more stringent. English cricket is living dangerously at the moment, and it is not to be recommended.

Their capitulation on the field at Lord's was another matter. "We had expected England to put up a better fight" was Kepler Wessels's inadvertently withering verdict, and, in theory, anyway, Headingley gives them a better chance of doing so, if only because there have been days in recent years when it has transformed fairly ordinary bowlers into match-winners. Balls have not needed to be tampered with to move about quite disconcertingly.

Against that, at Lord's, Donald and De Villiers looked as good a pair of opening bowlers as any in the world, as testing, at times, as even Ambrose and Walsh. It was a pity, when South Africa were on the point of victory, that Donald found it necessary to bowl at Fraser with the clear intention of either hitting or intimidating him, particularly after he had just sent Gough to hospital after a blow on the arm. But South Africa were on a high by then. They are not, I think, a great side; but they have commitment in abundance and their awareness increases with each Test they play.

"Body language" is a modern and not especially attractive term, but it can be a highly interpretive one. On Black Sunday at Lord's, DeFreitas, when thrown the ball, set about his work with all the enthusiasm of Jonah. Fraser, splendid trier that he is, invariably looks weighed down by the heavy harness of labour. De Villiers, on the other hand, seems always to be relishing the chance of a lifetime. So, to be fair, does Gough — and so, I am sure, will Benjamin, who has come into the reckoning at an age when most fast bowlers are wondering how best to conserve their energy.



Atherton, the beleaguered England captain, can smile as he shares a joke with DeFreitas during practice at Headingley yesterday. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

Benjamin was 15 when he left St Kitts and came to live in England, so he had plenty of time to do some growing and to bottle up some sunshine. This is a point worth making only because our own West Indians, by which I mean those born in this country of West Indian stock, seem to stall when they try to turn themselves into fast bowlers. The only one to have done much good was the Gloucester-born David Lawrence, and even he came to grief eventually.

Last season and this, as a regular member of the Surrey side, our adopted Joey Benjamin has kept fit, which would be unusual for someone of 23, let alone the 33 which he is. There is, of course, nothing new about fast bowlers injuring themselves. Go back nearly a hundred years and you will find that when the England side to play Australia at Trent Bridge, in the First Test match of 1899, came to be chosen, the five best fast bowlers in the country — Lockwood, Richardson, Kortright, Mold and "Mr" W. M. Bradley — were all out of action for one reason or another. Lockwood, for example, had broken down at the Crystal Palace, playing for the South of England in the first match of the Australians' tour. Kortright had what *Wisden* described as "a bad strain".

If, these days, there is a plethora of injuries, it is because there is a plethora of fast or fastish bowlers bowling a plethora of short-pitched balls in a plethora of lightweight shoes. The latest casualty is White with his "double stress fracture".

Every bouncer bowled, and there are 20 or 30 times more than there used to be, puts extra strain on the bowler's frame, and the younger the bowler, the more vulnerable he is.

It is not that professional bowlers send down more overs than they did. On the contrary, they send down many fewer. In Fred Trueman's day, 1,000 overs for the season was par for the course. Something in the region of 1,200 was not uncommon. In 1925 Maurice Tate bowled 1,694.3. In 1951 Reg Perks, then in his fortieth year, bowled 1,120 overs of quickish inswingers with hardly a tremor. In 1993, in all forms of cricket, Steve Watkin, the most active of all our faster bowlers, bowled 952.4 overs. The average was nearer 650.

At sometime or other, two or three fast bowlers in the running for an England place are invariably out of action, not only because they bowl more bouncers than are good for them, but also, I think, for a more incongruous reason. They so punish themselves callisthenically before play starts in the morning that, with an hour left at night, their defences go down. For all that, England look a fair bet. My un-stress fractured, if aching, bones tell me so.

Experience will offer little Test advantage

By Simon Wilde

ONLY one member of South Africa's tour party has experienced Test cricket at Headingley — Kepler Wessels played there for Australia in 1985 — but they will be at no great disadvantage today. Only six of England's 12 have played a Test there before and, excluding Gooch, their appearances total just ten.

Nor does their past form offer encouragement. Atherton, Hick, Stewart and Thorpe have, in 15 Test innings at Headingley, got beyond 13 only four times in what were, admittedly, often difficult batting conditions. But for centuries from Gooch, England would probably have lost to West Indies in 1991 and to Pakistan in 1992. Not even he could prevent a heavy defeat by Australia last year.

England have often shuffled their attack for a Leeds Test and today is no exception. DeFreitas alone is not new to the ground and, on his last appearance in 1991, took eight wickets for 93.

The last time South Africa played at Leeds, in 1955, they pulled off one of their best victories. Behind after the first innings, they then scored 500 and dismissed England for 256 with only three fit frontline bowlers.

ENGLAND v SOUTH AFRICA AT HEADINGLEY: Results: England won 5, South Africa 1, draws 2. Records (England first): Highest totals: 505 (1951), 538 (1951). Lowest totals: 76 (1907), 75 (1907). Highest innings: 138 P B H May (1951), 236 E A B Rowan (1951). Best bowling: 8-58 C Blythe (1907), 6-17 G A Faulkner (1907).

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Outside contenders relying on upset

Plenty at stake as Worcestershire set out for revenge

By Simon Wilde

THERE is no cricket team in the country that would like to beat the all-conquering Warwickshire more than Worcestershire. Not only do the teams possess a rivalry borne out of geographical proximity: Warwickshire were also the team that comprehensively outplayed Worcestershire in the Benson and Hedges Cup final last month. Today comes the chance for revenge.

It is not only Worcestershire who will be interested in the outcome of the county championship match at New Road, for, if the leaders win for the seventh successive time in the competition, one or two more challengers may have to forsake remote title ambitions.

Realistically, only Surrey, who do not have a fixture today, and Leicestershire, who play Nottinghamshire, neighbours of their own, at Trent Bridge, are still in a position to challenge Warwickshire.

It would not be a surprise, though, if Surrey were to fade during the run-in. They have recently experienced two devastating home defeats, by Warwickshire and Sussex, and may well be demoralised.

Leicestershire have no need to entertain such self-doubts. Indeed, they have come as close as any team this season to beating Warwickshire in the championship, and would probably have done so at Edgbaston in early May had they not dropped Brian Lara on the last day. Lara had scored 78 when he was missed and went on to steer his side to safety with an unbeaten 120.

If he scores a hundred at Worcester, Lara will equal Alvin Kallicharran's record for the county, set in 1984, of nine centuries in a season, but it is Warwickshire's remarkable collection of bowlers who hold the key to their winning.

Despite numerous injuries, they boast an astonishing strike-rate: 191 wickets out of a possible 220 in the championship: 142 out of a possible 160 in limited-overs matches.

Today, the only player they will be without because of injury is Gladstone Small, who is still suffering from a groin strain. Dermot Reeve, their captain, who last appeared in the championship on June 27, and Paul Smith are both fit.

Worcestershire, on the other hand, find themselves without both their England players, Graeme Hick and Steven Rhodes. They are not the first to be so handicapped: a surprising number of Warwickshire's opponents this season have been deprived of key players through either international calls or injury.

Leicestershire are at full strength for the match with Nottinghamshire, for whom Paul Pollard and Chris Lewis are fit. Pollard demonstrated his fitness in unusual style: not by playing and scoring a century for the second team on Tuesday, but by going on, yesterday, to reach 277 not out, the highest innings to date in the 36-year history of the second XI competition.

Mark Ilott has recovered from the groin strain that has kept him out for more than a month and will play for Essex, fourth in the table, against Lancashire at Chelmsford. It will be Lancashire's first match since they were docked 25 points for an unsuitable first-day pitch at Old Trafford two weeks ago.

Middlesex have signed Gordon Harris, 30, a fast bowler, on a special registration and he has been included in the squad for the match against Glamorgan, at Lord's. Harris was on the Leicestershire staff during the mid-Eighties. Simon Ecclestone, the Oxford University all-rounder, is expected to make his first championship appearance today for Somerset, who play Durham, at Taunton. The county has also recalled Nick Folland, as replacement for Marcus Trescothick, who is playing for the England under-19 team, and Andy Caddick, who is fit again.

Sussex, having recently beaten both Middlesex and Surrey in three days, can call on both Eddie Hemmings and Ian Salisbury at Northampton. One has recovered from a groin injury, the other is not required by England.

Sussex, however, must beware Curtly Ambrose. The West Indies fast bowler began the season complaining of tiredness but seems to have found a new lease of life in recent weeks. He has taken 20 wickets in his last two championship matches and has started fielding — and taking catches — at slip. Perhaps Allan Lamb ought to hand over the captaincy to him.

TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Warwicks (16)	11	8	0	3	29	37	194
Surrey (6)	12	7	4	1	25	41	178
Leics (9)	10	6	3	1	31	35	162
Essex (11)	11	5	3	3	23	40	143
Sussex (10)	11	5	2	4	23	36	139
Somerset (5)	11	5	4	2	25	32	137
Notts (7)	11	5	3	3	20	33	133
Gloucs (17)	11	3	5	3	16	41	113
Kent (8)	11	3	5	3	26	38	112
Durham (18)	11	3	7	1	27	38	111
Northants (4)	11	4	3	4	16	29	109
Middlesex (1)	11	3	2	6	25	36	109
Yorkshire (12)	11	2	4	5	24	36	92
Hampshire (13)	11	2	5	4	16	34	90
Worcs (2)	10	2	4	4	24	34	90
Lancashire (13)	10	4	4	2	13	34	86
Derbyshire (15)	11	2	7	2	20	33	85
Glamorgan (3)	11	1	5	5	23	29	68

(Last season's positions in brackets)

Gloucestershire and Hampshire records include eight points for drawn matches in which scores finished level.

Lancashire deducted 25 points because of unsuitable pitch.

MARC ASPLAND



Metcalfe and Ellder chalk up the runs for Yorkshire against East Midlands in the area final at Cambridge University yesterday

Gentlemen's game revived by women

By Andrew Longmore

A BRIGHT summer's day, 356 runs in 93 overs, victory for Yorkshire by 110 runs and, on the playing fields of Cambridge University, not a million miles from where Michael Atherton served his cricketing apprenticeship, not a skirtful of dust or a bouncer in sight.

The women claim that they play cricket the way it used to be played by English gentlemen. And perhaps they are right. For all the troubles of finance, recruitment and development, the women's game at the highest level is refreshingly full of enthusiasm, chivalry and skill.

The nearest thing to a diplomatic incident yesterday came when a Yorkshire batsman refused to walk after a catch in the gully. Some traits take no heed of gender, but the England captain, Karen Smithies, momentarily adopted the aggrieved pose of a strike-bound commuter before the umpire duly confirmed the appeal. Crisis averted. The next batsman was clapped to the wicket in time-honoured schoolboy fashion.

The women are desperate to have their game accepted for what it is: not a poor relation of the men's game, but a different branch of the family entirely, one that makes a virtue, like women's tennis, of its delicacy and lack of overwhelming strength. Dainty deflections — late cut, flick and nudge — rather than full-blooded cover-drives are the main source of runs, the bowling, with the exception of Jo Chamberlain, who has been likened in pace to Derek Pringle before his back injury, is generally medium to slow. But all cricket thrives on variety, on changes of pace and contrasts of style. If the men's game is too brutish at times, the women's can be equally one-paced.

In the end, comparisons are inevitable but largely irrelevant. The best women's cricketers in the country were on show yesterday for the final of the area championship, the highlight of the calendar in the absence of any international cricket, and, until tea-time at least, they produced a highly competitive match.

Yorkshire fielded ten England internationals, East Midlands boasted the two heroines of the World Cup victory last summer, Smithies and the all-rounder, Chamberlain, though neither managed to make an impression on this match. Smithies's dismissal, fifth ball, turned the match irrevocably Yorkshire's way. At tea, chasing 233, East Midlands had reached 56 for no wicket off 17 overs and the much-vaunted Yorkshire bowling was looking distinctly ragged. But the feisty Donnison, the junior England captain, became the first of Holt's three wickets just after tea and when Chamberlain went for 21, the rest of the side collapsed in a heap, Tedstone taking four for five.

Yorkshire's innings survived a similar mid-innings hiccup when three wickets fell for one run, but, by then, stands of 92 for the third wicket (Maybury and Metcalfe) and 78 for the fourth (Metcalfe and Ellder) had set them on their way to a third successive area championship.

SCORES: Yorkshire 233 (54.1 overs; D Maybury 68, A Ellder 50; G Morris 4 for 49); East Midlands 123 (38.2 overs; J Tedstone 4 for 5). Yorkshire won by 110 runs.

Pakistan ease to one-day success

By Our Sports Staff

PAKISTAN showed scant respect for Sri Lanka's bowling as they coasted to a comfortable win in the first one-day international in Colombo yesterday. In front of a near-capacity 40,000 crowd, the opening batsman, Saeed Anwar, who has made four of his six one-day centuries against Sri Lanka, hit an explosive unbeaten 70 off 83 balls to lead his side to victory, secured courtesy of a faster scoring-rate, and a 1-0 lead in the three-match series.

Anwar, who earned the man-of-the-match award for his efforts, hit eight fours and shared an unfinished partnership of 98 for the second wicket with Inzamam-ul-Haq, who made 53 in as many balls. The world champions' winning target was reduced to 169 off 42 overs after a brief stoppage for rain as they chased the Sri Lankan total of 200 for six in 50 overs. After the resumption, Anwar and his opening partner, Aamir Sohail, put on 71 for the first wicket off 13 overs.

Sri Lanka, winning the toss and batting first, were restricted by tight Pakistani bowling and fielding. Despite an opening stand of 86 between Sanath Jayasuriya, who made his highest one-day score of 77 off 106 balls with one six and four fours, and Sanjeeva Ranatunga, who scored 31 in his first international appearance, the home side were always struggling for runs. They also lost three of their key batsmen to run outs.

SCOREBOARD

SRI LANKA

S T Jayasuria c Raza b Salim	77
S Ranatunga st Latif b Salim	31
A P Gurusinghe b Raza	5
P A de Silva run out	15
*A Ranatunga run out	33
H P Tillekeratne run out	13
R S Kalpage not out	7
†P B Dassanayake not out	5
Extras (lb4, nb4, w6)	14
Total (50 overs, 6 wkts)	200

H Ramanayake, C Wickremasinghe and M Muralidaran did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-86, 2-97, 3-133, 4-143, 5-186, 6-194.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 10-0-38-0. Waqar Younis 8-2-38-0, Ashfaq Ahmed 8-1-33-0, Akram Raza 10-1-27-1, Salim Malik 10-0-44-2, Aamir Sohail 4-0-16-0

PAKISTAN

Saeed Anwar not out	70
Aamir Sohail c Tillek'tne b Muralidaran	38
Inzamam-ul-Haq not out	53
Extras (b 3, lb 5)	8
Total (30.2 overs, 1 wkt)	169

*Salim Malik, Asif Mujtaba, Zahid Fazal, †Rashid Latif, Wasim Akram, Akram Raza, Waqar Younis and Ashfaq Ahmed did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-71.

BOWLING: Wickremasinghe 7-0-43-0; Ramanayake 7.2-0-38-0; Kalpage 9-1-34-0; Gurusinha 1-0-10-0; Muralidaran 4-1-21-1; Jayasuriya 2-0-15-0.

Umpires: K T Francis and U Wickremasinghe

FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES

Batting

Qualification: 6 completed innings

		M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50
1	B C Lara (Warwickshire)	10	17	2	1743	501*	116.20	8	2
2	G A Gooch (Essex)	12	21	2	1428	236	75.15	6	2
3	M W Gatting (Middlesex)	13	19	2	1189	225	69.94	4	5
4	G Kirsten (South Africa)	7	11	2	590	201*	65.55	2	3
5	A J Moles (Warwickshire)	5	10	1	539	203*	59.88	1	3
6	P N Kirsten (South Africa)	6	9	3	359	130	59.83	1	1
7	M R Ramprakash (Middlesex)	12	18	2	953	135	59.56	3	5
8	G P Thorpe (Surrey)	11	17	2	850	190	56.66	2	4
9	K M Curran (Northants)	9	16	3	724	114	55.69	1	6
10	S J Rhodes (Worcestershire)	12	19	8	612	100*	55.63	1	2
11	D J Bicknell (Surrey)	13	22	3	1036	235*	54.52	3	4
12	C L Hooper (Kent)	11	21	0	1144	183	54.47	3	6
13	A N Hayhurst (Somerset)	12	21	4	926	121	54.47	2	6
14	P J Prichard (Essex)	7	11	2	488	119	54.22	3	2
15	J P Crawley (Lancashire)	13	25	3	1163	281*	52.86	2	5
16	R G Twose (Warwickshire)	12	21	2	988	277*	52.00	2	4
17	A D Brown (Surrey)	12	17	1	832	172	52.00	2	4
18	J N Rhodes (South Africa)	7	8	2	312	77	52.00	—	3
19	C J Hollins (Oxford U)	8	10	2	415	131	51.87	1	2
20	K C Wessels (South Africa)	8	11	1	504	105	50.40	1	4

* denotes not out

Bowling

Qualification: 20 wickets

		O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5I	10m
1	C E L Ambrose (Northants)	334.4	100	713	50	14.26	7-44	4	2
2	C A Walsh (Gloucestershire)	409.3	97	1231	73	16.86	7-42	7	3
3	J E Benjamin (Surrey)	475.2	113	1285	69	18.62	6-27	5	1
4	P S de Villiers (South Africa)	163	35	533	28	19.03	6-67	2	—
5	T A Munton (Warwickshire)	495.4	122	1299	62	20.95	7-52	6	2
6	S R Lampitt (Worcestershire)	338.2	82	913	43	21.23	5-33	2	—
7	D Gough (Yorkshire)	271.5	58	767	36	21.30	6-70	2	—
8	F D Stephenson (Sussex)	351	78	986	46	21.43	6-50	5	2
9	M W Alleyne (Gloucestershire)	198.1	39	623	29	21.48	5-78	1	—
10	V J Wells (Leicestershire)	188.5	53	651	30	21.70	5-50	1	—
11	C C Lewis (Notts)	193.2	40	575	26	22.11	5-55	1	—
12	C A Connor (Hampshire)	353	92	995	44	22.61	7-47	1	1
13	M M Patel (Kent)	631.4	153	1651	73	22.61	8-96	5	2
14	C White (Yorkshire)	235.2	53	761	33	23.06	5-40	2	—
15	A A Donald (South Africa)	154.2	37	468	20	23.40	5-58	2	—
16	G R Larsen (New Zealand)	226.4	73	494	21	23.52	5-24	1	—
17	A C S Pigott (Surrey)	180.2	55	472	20	23.60	6-46	1	—
18	D J Millns (Leicestershire)	348.1	76	1215	51	23.82	6-44	2	—
19	M J McCague (Kent)	156.5	27	572	24	23.83	6-50	2	—
20	Wasim Akram (Lancashire)	213.2	44	646	27	23.92	8-30	2	1

☐ Source: TCCB/PA Cricket Record

THE LEADING 100 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES FIRST CLASS XI

Pos	Team (Player's name)	Pts
1	Willcox's XI (Ian Willcox)	13,263
2	One Bounce Four XI (S Haltbrook)	13,006
3	Simply The Best (Michael H Deirichs)	12,960
4	Lots Of Points XI (Mr S M McGregor)	12,949
5	Chapelshire (Mr A J Hodgson)	12,868
6	Kurz No 14 (Neil Kurz)	12,850
7	Playup (Mr K Ackerley)	12,721
8	Grim Reapers XI (Mr Richard Lloyd)	12,701
9	Bad Boys Eleven (Mr Hector Chisholm)	12,678
10	Birkby Sma Cyc (M Knight)	12,675
11	Richies Hat (Mark Thompson)	12,662
12	Knowles XI (Mr John Knowles)	12,659
13	Harlequins (Rev F G Perry)	12,658
14	Harrogate Arms (Andrew Dobby)	12,656
15	Cowabunga-1 (Mr Christopher D J Walker)	12,649
16	Dad's Eleven (James Hill)	12,625
17	Wednesdayshire (Mr Andy Hibberd)	12,624
18	Hove Champions (David Barker)	12,604
19	Man Utd Cricket 11 (Matthew Lightfoot)	12,598
20	Hotonshire CCC (Anthony Salz)	12,590
21	Howe's That XI (T J Howe)	12,585
22	Noonans Not Out (Martin John Royle)	12,578
23	Kurz No 16 (Neil Kurz)	12,573
24	Geff's Corridor (Mr David R Roberts)	12,571
25	Shropshire B (Dan Field)	12,566
26	Stour Star (Michael Stour)	12,563
27	Brownian Motion (David Mercer)	12,548
28	Windy Winners (Michael Tracey)	12,532
29	Nathan & Jordan CC (Graeme Clennell)	12,527
30	Scarcroftians (Mr T M Cocker)	12,523
31	Colintrane CC (David Houston)	12,517
32	Summer Plause (Mr Eddie Hewitt)	12,505
33	Beamershire (Ben Sammons)	12,486
34	Mungret (Mr Warren Hepples)	12,484
35	Wiskeshire (Mr R B Cave)	12,481
36	Top Hole XI (J M Robertson)	12,474
37	Hit And Hope (Richard Davies)	12,442
38	Rovers Return (Mrs H Gatenby)	12,408
39	The Last Wicket (John Le Poidevin)	12,406
40	Lewis Icc (Darren Hudson)	12,397
41	Worth A Shout (M J Cutland)	12,397
42	Danum Destroyers (Tony Wilkinson)	12,391
43	Nutters XI (David Bennett)	12,391
44	Kay's Corkers CC (Andrew L T Kay)	12,388
45	The Run Inn XI (Simon Taylor)	12,379
46	Nomshire (N M MacKay)	12,378
47	Bilko Wonders 2 (Stephen A Bilton)	12,368
48	Monster Allstars (Stuart Farrar)	12,366
49	Hermiston (Roger J Hermiston)	12,366
50	M P XI (Mr M Potts)	12,358
51	West Sussex (James Hutcheson)	12,349
52	Bowled Pringle O (Mr Iain Caine)	12,344
53	Winton Wanderers (Matthew Perry)	12,342
54	The Ethiopians (Ian Cook)	12,336
55	Old Skellsiders (Bryan Jones)	12,333
56	Dave's Ravers (David Winteler)	12,326
57	The Triers (Dr G S Atkinson)	12,325
58	Norton Rumblers (J L Renwick)	12,313
59	Gold Diggers Of 33 (E A Bowsher)	12,312
60	Leicester Exiles (Mr Stephen Marriott)	12,310
61	Kings Of Cricket (Mr Paul Brooks)	12,308
62	Dislocations (Prasad Mohandas)	12,308
63	Asif For England (Anthony Power)	12,305
64	Ivxl (Neil Ivey)	12,304
65	Forty Six All Out (Dennis Dawes)	12,303
66	Kenshire CC (Mr J E Griffin)	12,298
67	Super Subs (Mr John Brian Smiths)	12,295
68	Pak Azad CC (Mr S Mohammed)	12,292
69	B S Memorial XI (Stuart Fuller)	12,289
70	The Assassins (Mr W J Raine)	12,286
71	Kates Crackers (Kate MacLaren)	12,285
72	The Spin Doctors (Stephen Scarr)	12,281
73	Grouch Potatoes (John Hood)	12,278
74	Glos Trialists (Kevin Peacock)	12,276
75	Sussex Googler (K D Hazelden)	12,274
76	Love Not Out 75 (Jon Rawnsley)	12,271
77	Achilles Heel XI (J E G Pile)	12,267
78	Cayoshire 1 (Michael William Jeffells)	12,264
79	Wye Not Win (Andrew F Wye)	12,259
80	Lawson's XI (N Lawson)	12,258
81	The Clangers (David Atkinson)	12,257
82	Red Rose Iv (Richard Davies)	12,250
83	Clarendon Parkers (David Wallwork)	12,248
84	Bfe CC (Mr S Spencer)	12,247
85	Housens XI (R J Perry)	12,245
86	Allsorts (Ernest Townsend)	12,244
87	Warnes Flippers (Mr D Ralstrick)	12,240
88	East Belfastshire (Alan McQuitty)	12,238
89	The Good Timers (Mr Jeff Day)	12,237
90	Bow Street Runners (Owen Roberts)	12,234
91	Duchess Of Lowton (Linda Watkins)	12,234
92	Canmore XI (Thomas G Laing)	12,233
93	Xanthamgum XI (Hugh J Taylor)	12,232
94	What No Gower (Mr Justin Latham)	12,229
95	Hartley's XI (Roger Hartley)	12,228
96	Ostler's Eleven (Mr G H Ostler)	12,223
97	Burman Boys (Sudip Burman-Roy)	12,214
98	Old Lukeonians (Mr N Padgett)	12,206
99	Happy New Year (J D Shepherd)	12,202
100	The Ashley Arms (M Davis)	12,195

THE TIMES FIRST CLASS XI SCOREBOARD

Scores in brackets relate to the Third Innings game, which started on June 29: others relate to the season-long game. Figures include all matches completed by August 1.

Batsmen (001-113)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total		Inj
C J Adams (001)	749	(145)	0	(0)	749	(145)	N
J C Adams (002)	806	(194)	17	(2)	1146	(234)	N
G F Archer (003)	477	(108)	0	(0)	477	(108)	N
Asif Din (004)	107	(0)	0	(0)	107	(0)	N
M A Atherton (005)	565	(196)	0	(0)	565	(196)	N
C W J Athey (006)	842	(234)	1	(0)	862	(234)	N
R J Bailey (007)	726	(291)	6	(3)	846	(351)	N
K J Barnett (008)	586	(391)	8	(8)	746	(551)	N
M R Benson (009)	619	(283)	0	(0)	619	(283)	N
D J Bicknell (010)	1036	(490)	0	(0)	1036	(490)	N
T J Boon (011)	323	(125)	0	(0)	323	(125)	N
P D Bowler (012)	292	(0)	0	(0)	292	(0)	N
N E Briers (013)	879	(137)	0	(0)	879	(137)	N
B C Broad (014)	496	(33)	0	(0)	496	(33)	N
A D Brown (015)	832	(403)	0	(0)	832	(403)	N
D Byas (016)	960	(227)	2	(2)	1000	(267)	N
J D Carr (017)	686	(153)	0	(0)	686	(153)	N
P A Cottey (018)	804	(362)	1	(0)	824	(362)	N
G R Cowdrey (019)	349	(190)	0	(0)	349	(190)	N
R M F Cox (020)	114	(57)	0	(0)	114	(57)	N
J P Crawley (021)	1163	(215)	0	(0)	1163	(215)	N
M A Crawley (022)	172	(6)	1	(0)	192	(6)	N
T S Curtis (023)	529	(147)	0	(0)	529	(147)	N
J A Daley (024)	223	(205)	0	(0)	223	(205)	N
W A Dessaur (025)	154	(127)	0	(0)	154	(127)	N
D B D'Oliveira (026)	89	(0)	5	(0)	189	(0)	N
N H Fairbrother (027)	620	(470)	0	(0)	620	(470)	N
N A Felton (028)	445	(80)	0	(0)	445	(80)	N
N A Folland (029)	625	(146)	0	(0)	625	(146)	N
A Fordham (030)	437	(0)	0	(0)	437	(0)	N
G Fowler (031)	227	(167)	0	(0)	227	(167)	N
J E R Gallian (032)	718	(170)	9	(5)	898	(270)	N
M W Gatting (033)	1189	(397)	2	(1)	1229	(417)	N
G A Gooch (034)	1428	(297)	3	(2)	1488	(337)	N
A P Grayson (035)	591	(223)	8	(2)	751	(263)	N
K Greenfield (036)	61	(0)	0	(0)	61	(0)	N
J W Hall (037)	669	(321)	0	(0)	669	(321)	N
T H C Hancock (038)	690	(121)	1	(0)	710	(121)	N
R J Harden (039)	772	(420)	0	(0)	772	(420)	N
A N Hayhurst (040)	926	(372)	7	(1)	1066	(392)	N
D L Haynes (041)	691	(257)	0	(0)	691	(257)	N
D L Hemp (042)	1037	(437)	0	(0)	1037	(437)	N
S G Hinks (043)	242	(0)	0	(0)	242	(0)	N
G D Hodgson (044)	135	(0)	0	(0)	135	(0)	N
A J Hollioake (045)	552	(78)	20	(12)	952	(318)	N
N Hussain (046)	814	(304)	0	(0)	814	(304)	N
S Hutton (047)	437	(17)	0	(0)	437	(17)	N
R C Irani (048)	696	(230)	28	(11)	1256	(450)	N
S P James (049)	703	(74)	0	(0)	703	(74)	N
P Johnson (050)	848	(194)	0	(0)	848	(194)	N
M Keech (051)	141	(0)	0	(0)	141	(0)	N
S A Kellett (052)	147	(36)	0	(0)	147	(36)	N
N V Knight (053)	509	(278)	1	(1)	529	(298)	N
A J Lamb (054)	535	(182)	0	(0)	535	(182)	N
M N Lathwell (055)	907	(262)	3	(2)	967	(322)	N
W Larkins (056)	907	(189)	0	(0)	907	(189)	N
D A Leatherdale (057)	600	(275)	5	(1)	700	(295)	N
N J Lenham (058)	588	(297)	0	(0)	588	(297)	N
J J B Lewis (059)	673	(198)	0	(0)	673	(198)	N
N J Llong (060)	137	(0)	6	(0)	257	(0)	N
G D Lloyd (061)	398	(79)	0	(0)	398	(79)	N
J I Longley (062)	461	(129)	0	(0)	461	(129)	N
M B Loye (063)	855	(226)	0	(0)	855	(226)	N
M A Lynch (064)	113	(0)	0	(0)	113	(0)	N
M P Maynard (065)	432	(208)	0	(0)	432	(208)	N
A A Metcalfe (066)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	N
T C Middleton (067)	437	(69)	0	(0)	437	(69)	N
A J Moles (068)	539	(497)	0	(0)	539	(497)	N
T M Moody (069)	728	(197)	14	(4)	1008	(267)	N
H Morris (070)	721	(239)	0	(0)	721	(239)	N
J E Morris (071)	838	(49)	1	(0)	858	(49)	N
R S M Morris (072)	686	(115)	0	(0)	686	(115)	N
M D Moxon (073)	828	(260)	0	(0)	828	(260)	N
M C J Nicholas (074)	764	(362)	0	(0)	764	(362)	N
T J G O'Gorman (075)	803	(285)	0	(0)	803	(285)	N
D P Ostler (076)	802	(152)	0	(0)	802	(152)	N
T L Penney (077)	563	(300)	0	(0)	563	(300)	N
P R Pollard (078)	558	(153)	1	(0)	578	(153)	N
P J Prichard (079)	488	(0)	0	(0)	488	(0)	N
M R Ramprakash (080)	953	(361)	0	(0)	953	(361)	N
J D Ratcliffe (081)	87	(80)	0	(0)	87	(80)	N
R B Richardson (082)	551	(244)	0	(0)	551	(244)	N
D D J Robinson (083)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	N
P E Robinson (084)	84	(0)	0	(0)	84	(0)	N
R T Robinson (085)	830	(362)	1	(0)	850	(362)	N
A S Rollins (086)	515	(244)	0	(0)	515	(244)	N
M A Roseberry (087)	874	(286)	0	(0)	874	(286)	N
A C H Seymour (088)	148	(34)	0	(0)	148	(34)	N
N Shahid (089)	323	(32)	3	(0)	383	(32)	N
B F Smith (090)	597	(128)	0	(0)	597	(128)	N
I Smith (091)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	N
R A Smith (092)	841	(239)	0	(0)	841	(239)	N
N J Speak (093)	892	(191)	0	(0)	892	(191)	N
A W Smith (094)	438	(124)	21	(7)	858	(264)	N
D M Smith (095)	244	(0)	0	(0)	244	(0)	N
M P Speight (096)	662	(232)	0	(0)	662	(232)	N
A J Stewart (097)	730	(122)	0	(0)	730	(122)	N
N R Taylor (098)	745	(322)	0	(0)	745	(322)	N
V P Terry (099)	754	(213)	0	(0)	754	(213)	N
G P Thorpe (100)	850	(317)	0	(0)	850	(317)	N
S P Titchard (101)	357	(112)	0	(0)	357	(112)	N
M E Trescothick (102)	702	(377)	0	(0)	702	(377)	N
R G Twose (103)	988	(266)	10	(8)	1188	(426)	N
M P Vaughan (104)	875	(255)	13	(5)	1135	(355)	N
D M Ward (105)	750	(161)	0	(0)	750	(161)	N
T R Ward (106)	1005	(435)	0	(0)	1005	(435)	N
R J Warren (107)	399	(169)	0	(0)	399	(169)	N
A P Wells (108)	565	(41)	1	(1)	585	(61)	N
C M Wells (109)	209	(129)	10	(5)	409	(229)	N
W P C Weston (110)	569	(176)	0	(0)	569	(176)	N
J J Whitaker (111)	690	(343)	0	(0)	690	(343)	N
M G N Windows (112)	329	(199)	0	(0)	329	(199)	N
A J Wright (113)	655	(162)	0	(0)	655	(162)	N

All-rounders (114-156)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total		Inj
M W Alleyne (114)	980	(531)	29	(10)	1560	(731)	N
I D Austin (115)	120	(35)	13	(10)	380	(235)	N
P Bainbridge (116)	441	(188)	8	(2)	601	(228)	N
D J Capel (117)	43	(29)	0	(0)	43	(29)	N
G Chapple (118)	65	(58)	20	(9)	465	(238)	N
D G Cork (119)	205	(132)	12	(7)	445	(272)	N
R D B Croft (120)	326	(71)	27	(11)	866	(291)	N
A C Cummins (121)	409	(92)	41	(9)	1229	(272)	N
K M Curran (122)	724	(228)	14	(3)	1004	(288)	N
A Dale (123)	522	(28)	15	(2)	822	(68)	N
P A J DeFreitas (124)	444	(148)	49	(14)	1424	(428)	N
J E Emburey (125)	187	(58)	43	(10)	1047	(258)	N
K P Evans (126)	365	(136)	26	(6)	885	(256)	N
M A Feltham (127)	166	(69)	22	(11)	606	(289)	N
M V Fleming (128)	704	(140)	5	(2)	804	(180)	N
P J Hartley (129)	242	(53)	42	(11)	1082	(273)	N
G R Haynes (130)	589	(125)	4	(3)	669	(185)	N
G A Hick (131)	940	(274)	7	(2)	1080	(314)	N
C L Hooper (132)	1144	(401)	18	(8)	1504	(561)	N
R K Illingworth (133)	361	(149)	31	(12)	981	(389)	N
K D James (134)	279	(140)	11	(3)	499	(200)	N
S R Lampitt (135)	442	(62)	43	(16)	1302	(382)	N
R P Lefebvre (136)	240	(48)	21	(7)	660	(188)	N
C C Lewis (137)	263	(163)	26	(12)	803	(403)	N
G W Mike (138)	220	(76)	32	(3)	860	(136)	N
Mushtaq Ahmed (139)	168	(60)	45	(12)	1068	(300)	N
P J Newport (140)	248	(72)	33	(9)	908	(252)	N
C Penn (141)	0	(0)	1	(0)	20	(0)	N
M Prabhakar (142)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	Y
D A Reeve (143)	83	(0)	9	(0)	263	(0)	N
G D Rose (144)	494	(190)	34	(16)	1174	(510)	N
P V Simmons (145)	704	(101)	15	(4)	1004	(181)	N
N M K Smith (146)	315	(155)	37	(21)	1055	(575)	N
P A Smith (147)	326	(34)	17	(0)	666	(34)	N
J N Snape (148)	76	(54)	4	(1)	156	(74)	N
F D Stephenson (149)	528	(116)	46	(20)	1448	(516)	N
J P Stephenson (150)	459	(184)	17	(5)	799	(284)	N
C M Tolley (151)	164	(5)	8	(3)	324	(65)	N
Wasim Akram (152)	244	(22)	27	(4)	784	(102)	N
M Watkinson (153)	681	(108)	46	(12)	1601	(348)	N
V J Wells (154)	577	(219)	30	(18)	1177	(579)	N
P N Weekes (155)	308	(17)	24	(2)	788	(57)	N
C White (156)	663	(177)	33	(13)	1323	(437)	N

Wicketkeepers (157-176)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total		Inj
A N Aymes (157)	465	(179)	26	(10)	985	(379)	N
R J Blakey (158)	955	(359)	55	(20)	2055	(759)	N
K R Brown (159)	489	(101)	39	(11)	1269	(321)	N
N D Burns (160)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	N
B N French (161)	0	(0)	2	(0)	40	(0)	N
M A Garnham (162)	388	(171)	29	(9)	968	(351)	N
W K Hegg (163)	276	(39)	27	(5)	816	(139)	N
G J Kersey (164)	93	(52)	14	(14)	373	(332)	N
K M Krikken (165)	349	(103)	11	(1)	569	(123)	N
S A Marsh (166)	512	(161)	48	(25)	1472	(661)	N
C P Metson (167)	242	(63)	40	(17)	1042	(403)	N
P Moores (168)	541	(167)	39	(16)	1321	(487)	N
P A Nixon (169)	670	(251)	40	(15)	1470	(551)	N
K J Piper (170)	293	(52)	46	(28)	1213	(612)	N
S J Rhodes (171)	612	(68)	45	(17)	1512	(408)	N
D Ripley (172)	209	(72)	38	(8)	969	(232)	N
R J Rollins (173)	9	(0)	1	(0)	29	(0)	N
R C Russell (174)	723	(227)	42	(13)	1563	(487)	N
C W Scott (175)	591	(286)	36	(9)	1311	(466)	N
R J Turner (176)	412	(172)	39	(17)	1192	(512)	N

Bowlers (177-269)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total		Inj
J A Afford (177)	24	(6)	29	(0)	604	(6)	N
C E L Ambrose (178)	149	(30)	50	(23)	1149	(490)	N
S J W Andrew (179)	23	(15)	7	(5)	163	(115)	N
A M Babington (180)	0	(0)	1	(0)	20	(0)	N
M C J Ball (181)	298	(173)	13	(7)	558	(313)	N
A A Barnett (182)	14	(0)	10	(0)	214	(0)	N
S R Barwick (183)	10	(7)	22	(20)	450	(407)	N
S Bastien (184)	7	(0)	8	(0)	167	(0)	N
J D Batty (185)	24	(24)	2	(2)	64	(64)	N
J E Benjamin (186)	117	(50)	69	(19)	1497	(430)	N
W K M Benjamin (187)	231	(72)	24	(12)	711	(312)	N
P J Berry (188)	3	(0)	0	(0)	3	(0)	N
M P Bicknell (189)	55	(0)	16	(0)	375	(0)	N
I R Bishop (190)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	Y
J Boiling (191)	48	(34)	4	(0)	128	(34)	N
M Broadhurst (192)	6	(0)	1	(0)	26	(0)	N
S J E Brown (193)	178	(126)	54	(20)	1258	(526)	N
M A Butcher (194)	264	(0)	14	(0)	544	(0)	N
A R Caddick (195)	140	(104)	27	(14)	680	(384)	N
J H Childs (196)	57	(51)	32	(15)	697	(351)	N
C A Connor (197)	100	(57)	44	(20)	980	(457)	N
N G B Cook (198)	89	(53)	14	(6)	369	(173)	N
K E Cooper (199)	79	(58)	35	(17)	779	(398)	N
A C Cottam (200)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	N
N G Cowans (201)	42	(8)	20	(2)	442	(48)	N
R P Davis (202)	111	(48)	12	(2)	351	(88)	N
M A Ealham (203)	388	(216)	18	(15)	748	(516)	N
R M Ellison (204)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	N
M G Field-Buss (205)	72	(23)	12	(2)	312	(63)	N
D P J Flint (206)	5	(0)	1	(0)	25	(0)	N
M J Foster (207)	159	(53)	3	(0)	219	(53)	N
A R C Fraser (208)	62	(38)	34	(11)	742	(258)	N
O D Gibson (209)	527	(220)	35	(19)	1227	(600)	N
E S H Giddins (210)	38	(5)	30	(5)	638	(105)	N
D Gough (211)	211	(97)	36	(17)	931	(437)	N
D A Graveney (212)	287	(67)	24	(11)	767	(287)	N
F A Griffith (213)	123	(0)	8	(0)	283	(0)	N
D W Headley (214)	134	(48)	36	(10)	854	(248)	N
E E Hemmings (215)	58	(14)	29	(9)	638	(194)	N
A P Igglesden (216)	56	(28)	22	(3)	496	(88)	N
M C Ilott (217)	103	(0)	30	(0)	703	(0)	N
P W Jarvis (218)	272	(142)	31	(13)	892	(402)	N
M Jean-Jacques (219)	22	(22)	1	(1)	42	(42)	N
R L Johnson (220)	205	(26)	39	(15)	985	(326)	N
M S Kasprowicz (221)	230	(91)	36	(9)	950	(271)	N
N M Kendrick (222)	80	(0)	5	(0)	180	(0)	N
D R Law (223)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	N
M J McCague (225)	98	(61)	24	(14)	578	(341)	N
D E Malcolm (226)	48	(16)	35	(10)	748	(216)	N
N A Mallender (227)	218	(114)	14	(4)	498	(194)	N
P J Martin (228)	269	(64)	22	(4)	709	(144)	N
R J Maru (229)	127	(40)	12	(4)	367	(120)	N
D J Millns (230)	216	(83)	51	(19)	1236	(463)	N
O H Mortensen (231)	0	(0)	2	(0)	40	(0)	N
A D Mullally (232)	73	(14)	18	(6)	433	(134)	N
T A Munton (233)	66	(15)	62	(32)	1306	(655)	N
A J Murphy (234)	10	(0)	2	(0)	50	(0)	N
J A North (235)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	N
G J Parsons (236)	297	(125)	28	(9)	857	(305)	N
M M Patel (237)	202	(94)	73	(22)	1662	(534)	N
R M Pearson (238)	45	(14)	4	(0)	125	(14)	N
A L Penberthy (239)	441	(139)	24	(6)	921	(259)	N
D B Pennett (240)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	N
R A Pick (241)	227	(89)	43	(11)	1087	(309)	N
A C S Pigott (242)	124	(95)	20	(19)	524	(475)	N
A R K Pierson (243)	146	(38)	27	(5)	686	(138)	N
N V Radford (244)	107	(30)	26	(5)	627	(130)	N
A R Roberts (245)	126	(80)	8	(5)	286	(180)	N
M A Robinson (246)	32	(10)	22	(10)	472	(210)	N
I D K Salisbury (247)	169	(28)	34	(7)	849	(168)	N
K J Shine (248)	12	(0)	23	(10)	472	(200)	N
R W Sladdin (249)	42	(0)	4	(0)	122	(0)	N
G C Small (250)	41	(0)	24	(3)	521	(60)	N
D J Spencer (251)	46	(0)	10	(0)	246	(0)	N
R D Stemp (252)	193	(65)	39	(16)	973	(385)	N
P M Such (253)	93	(27)	39	(10)	873	(227)	N
J P Taylor (254)	58	(0)	31	(7)	678	(140)	N
S D Thomas (255)	15	(0)	3	(0)	75	(0)	N
M J Thursfield (256)	39	(3)	16	(1)	359	(23)	N
T D Topley (257)	2	(0)	1	(0)	22	(0)	N
H R J Trump (258)	174	(115)	20	(17)	574	(455)	N
P C R Tufnell (259)	14	(14)	14	(14)	294	(294)	N
S D Udal (260)	426	(112)	52	(25)	1466	(612)	N
M J Vandrau (261)	286	(114)	17	(9)	626	(294)	N
A P van Troost (262)	61	(35)	17	(6)	401	(155)	N
C A Walsh (263)	233	(166)	73	(26)	1693	(686)	N
Waqar Younis (264)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	Y
A E Warner (265)	50	(2)	9	(0)	230	(2)	N
S L Watkin (266)	68	(20)	39	(14)	848	(300)	N
N F Williams (267)	111	(0)	20	(0)	511	(0)	N
J Wood (268)	119	(28)	29	(3)	699	(88)	N
G Yates (269)	201	(117)	26	(4)	721	(197)	N

New players

Player (No)	Runs	Wkts	Total	Inj
M Azharuddin (301)	(190)	(0)	(190)	N
B C Lara (302)	(318)	(0)	(318)	N
M Saxelby (303)	(212)	(0)	(212)	N
W M Noon (304)	(133)	(2)	(173)	N
V P Clarke (305)	(7)	(1)	(27)	N
S J Base (306)	(74)	(11)	(294)	N
J E Brinkley (307)	(0)	(0)	(0)	N
C E Cuffy (308)	(19)	(11)	(239)	N
T Edwards (309)	(21)	(0)	(21)	N
N F Sargeant (310)	(0)	(0)	(0)	N
B T P Donelan (311)	(0)	(0)	(0)	N
C E W Silverwood (312)	(56)	(11)	(276)	N

☐ One point is awarded for each run, 20 points for each wicket. Wickets include catches and stumpings by wicketkeepers, but not catches by fielders.

The final column indicates whether a player is injured and has been officially declared inactive for the rest of the season by *The Times* First Class XI judging panel (N = no, Y = yes). Short-term injuries and absences are not counted.

☐ Source: TCCB/PA Cricket Record

Cricket game enters closing stages with fourth and final innings

Declare a team to score quickly in the run chase

JOIN this summer's final run chase in *The Times* First Class XI game by entering the Fourth Innings. For the best judge of cricket talent is a superb prize: JVC Nicam television and video equipment worth more than £1,000, a Sky satellite dish and decoder with one year's free subscription and a bat signed by the England and South African Test players. And for three runners-up, there will be two 1995 county memberships of their choice.

Pick the XI you would like to see and every run your players make and every wicket they take in the last six weeks of the season will count towards your total. Enter as often as you like and use the First Class XI bat to record your selection. The Times First Class XI game is produced in association with Canon UK Ltd and the Test and County Cricket Board in an exclusive arrangement. Follow your team's progress in *The Times*, the paper for cricket.

How to play: Pick the team that you think will accumulate the most runs and wickets in the last six weeks of the first-class cricket season. We have listed the players, all registered with the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), and placed them in the following categories: **batsmen; all-rounders; wicketkeepers** and **bowlers.**

There are also three secondary categories: **captains**, one from each county; **overseas players**, one from each county and **rising stars**, promising players as selected by *The Times*.

Your team of 11 must be made up as follows: **five batsmen; one all-rounder; one wicketkeeper; four bowlers.** No other combination will be accepted and players may only be selected as categorised by *The Times*. (For example, Graeme Hick may only be chosen as an all-rounder, *not as a batsman*). Each player has a number which must be used when selecting him for the game.

There are three further *restrictions to your selection.*

1) In your XI, you must pick one — *and no more than one* — from the list of **captains.** For example, if you pick Alec Stewart (captain of Surrey), he will count as captain and batsman. You may not pick another captain, even from another playing category.

2) You must also pick one — *and no more than one* — of the players listed in the **overseas player** category.

3) You *must pick one — and no more than one* — of the players in the **rising stars** category. Your rising star may be a batsman, all-rounder, wicketkeeper or bowler.

In addition to the 11 players picked for the team, you must select one reserve for each of the primary categories (batsmen, all-rounders, wicketkeeper, bowlers). No captains, overseas players or rising stars may be selected as reserves. These reserves will only become active in the event of a first-choice player being officially declared inactive (for reasons of injury) for the rest of the season by *The Times* First Class XI panel. In that case your reserve will be automatically activated and his score from that moment will be added to the injured player's total. Only one replacement will be allowed in each of the four primary categories. A player declared inactive cannot re-enter.

How to score: Scores will be measured by: **runs** (the aggregate runs scored by all 11 players); **wickets** (the wickets taken by all 11 players); **wicketkeeping dismissals** (catches and stumpings made by your wicketkeeper).

Each run will count as one point, each wicket as 20 points, each wicketkeeper's dismissal as 20 points (the last two categories will be listed under the heading, wickets). The total of runs and wickets will represent the entrant's total team score. The object of the Fourth Innings of *The Times* First Class XI, is to select the 11 players who will accumulate the most points between August 11 and September 19.

In the event of a tie, competitors will be separated by *counting the score of their* reserves, the highest total winning. If that is insufficient, the score of the rising star will be decisive. If a further tie-break is necessary in the Fourth Innings competition, its form will be decided by *The Times First Class XI panel.*

All matches in the period deemed to be first-class by the TCCB (five, four or three days) will count, including Cornhill Insurance Test matches, Britannic Assurance county championship and Tetley Bitter Challenge (county v touring team matches). One-day matches will not count. At the end of each round of matches, *The Times* will publish the list of categorised names and their updated aggregate points.

How to enter: the Fourth Innings, entries for which must be received by noon on *Wednesday August 10, is the* last chance to play First Class XI cricket this season. The winner will be the entrant who has the highest points scores *after the final matches on* September 19 and their name will be published in *The Times* with the team names and scores for the leading 100 *competitors.*

You may enter as many times as you like but each entry requires a separate telephone call. *Telephone callers* must be aged 18 or over. Due to time restrictions, entries to the Fourth Innings cannot be acknowledged.

Entering: The 24-hour telephone lines are open now and close at noon on August 10. When you have selected your team, check what type of telephone you are using. You must have a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) to enter. You **cannot** enter using a rotary dial or "pulse" telephone. Once you have found a Touch-tone telephone, you can enter by dialling **0891 700525.** Postal entries cannot be accepted.

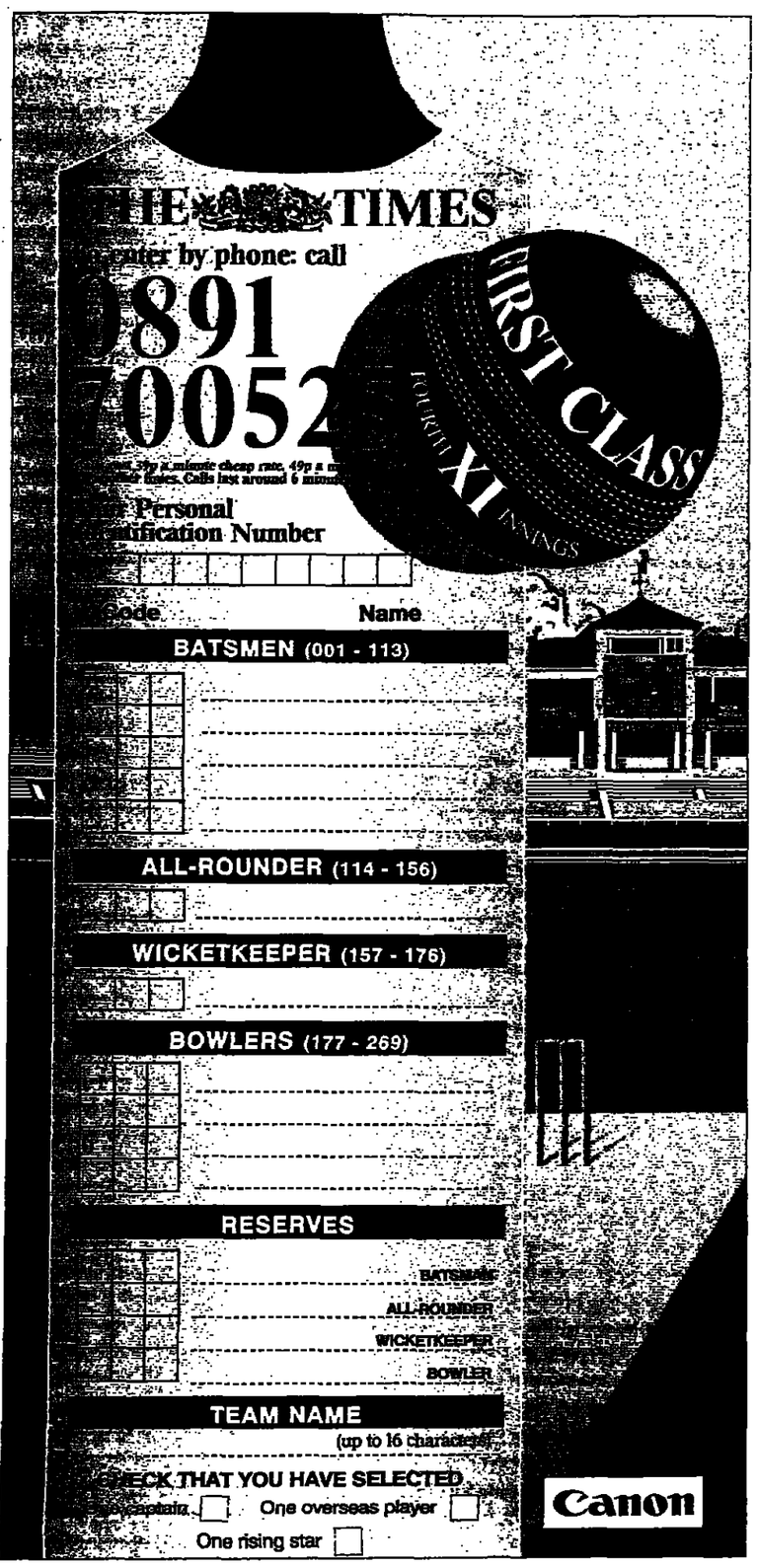
Then just follow the simple step-by-step instructions. Listen carefully and take your time. The recorded message will ask you to key in the full set of selections (player reference numbers) for each of your 11 chosen players in the following order: the five batsmen, *the all-rounder, the wicket*keeper, the bowlers.

You will then be asked to name your reserves (in the same order). Make sure you *have picked one captain, one* overseas player and one rising star in your team. An incorrect entry will be void.

You will then be asked to give the name of your team (no more than 16 characters) and to record your name, address and daytime phone number. Finally, you will be given a ten-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN). Please be patient. You have plenty of time to make your entry. Use *The Times* First Class XI bat to record your selections and your PIN. Calls cost 39 per minute cheap rate, 49 per minute at other times. Each call will last about six minutes.

Team names: Competitors may give their teams any name of up to 16 characters although if a name is considered to be in poor taste by the panel, or if that name has *already been taken, the com*petitor's surname will be used.

***The Times* First Class XI panel:** Raymond Illingworth, the chairman of selectors, *Michael Atherton*, the England captain, and Alan Lee, the cricket correspondent of *The Times*, form the panel which has final authority on any issues arising.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Only applications made through The Times First Class XI Fourth Innings telephone lines will be accepted from readers in the UK and Channel Islands.
2. They must be received by noon on Wednesday, August 10, 1994. There is no limit to the number of telephone applications any person or household *may make. The 24-hour lines are* open now.
3. Only players published in our The Times First Class XI Fourth Innings list will be accepted into our competition. Incorrect entries null and void with no refund. No correspondence related to players selected will be entered into.
4. Entries must consist of 15 players (11 first choice and four reserves) from the published list and must include one captain, one overseas player and one rising star as categorised in the list. Of your 11, five must be batsmen, one an all-rounder, one a wicketkeeper and four bowlers. One each of the four reserves must be a batsmen, all-rounder, wicketkeeper and bowler. None of the reserves may be captains, overseas players or rising stars. No player can be picked twice.
5. *The Times* independent panel of experts will provide updated records of each player's performance on a regular basis.
6. Inaudible or incomplete applications will not be accepted. The computer's record of the entry will be considered to be the entry.
7. Entry is only open to readers over the age of 18.
8. The first prize will go to the team with the highest total score. If there is more than one entrant with the same total of points, the winner will be decided by tie-break. We will investigate complaints but our decision is final and we will not enter into correspondence regarding the competition.
9. Promotional and explanatory copy relating to The Times First Class XI Fourth Innings form part of the terms and conditions for participation.
10. Calls charged at 39p per minute cheap rate and 49p per minute at other times. Calls should take around six minutes.
11. The competition is not open to employees of News International, their families or their agents.

Slow bowlers to dominate busy end of season

Spinners can prove a shrewd choice in the selection of a successful Fourth Innings team, **Simon Wilde** suggests

The Fourth Innings offers readers of *The Times* a final opportunity this summer to test their skills as a selector. The game covers first-class matches played between August 11 and September 19, the final day of the season.

With the Britannic Assurance county championship building up to an exciting finish, with several teams involved in the hunt for prize-money, and the tour by South Africa reaching its climax, the last six weeks of the season should witness *some hard-fought contests.*

The period contains six rounds of championship matches and two fixtures involving the touring South *Africans: the third Test* match against England at the Oval and a three-day match against Glamorgan at Pontypridd.

All the counties will play at least five championship matches and Lancashire, Leicestershire, Worcestershire and Yorkshire have six. Glamorgan will also play six first-class matches because of their fixture with the touring team.

The opportunities for first-class cricket will be curtailed for some England representatives. Those chosen for the Texaco Trophy one-day internationals against South Africa on August 25 and 27 will miss one championship fixture as a result — unless they play for Derbyshire, Essex, Gloucestershire or Somerset, who are not involved *in the round of* championship matches on those dates.

However, because their counties are involved in six rounds of championship matches, players such as Michael Atherton and John Crawley, of Lancashire, Graeme Hick and Steven Rhodes, of Worcestershire, and Darren Gough and *Craig White, of Yorkshire,* will still be able to appear in five first-class matches (the Oval Test match and four championship games) even if they are called on regularly by England.

Alec Stewart, on the other hand, would play in only four first-class matches: three for Surrey in the championship, plus the Oval Test match.

In addition, several championship players have been *named in the England* under-19 party of 13 to play a series of youth Test matches against their Indian counterparts between August 11 *and September 11. These* matches are played over four days, but are not deemed to be first-class by the Test and County Cricket Board, so are not included in the Fourth Innings game.

Those most seriously affected are Michael Vaughan, the England under-19 captain, and Marcus Trescothick, two of our rising stars who have established themselves in the Yorkshire and Somerset teams respectively. Trescothick will miss two championship matches as a consequence, while Vaughan and his Yorkshire team-mate, Chris Silverwood, miss three.

This final stage of the season is likely to be a busy time for the slow bowlers. *One option for the enterprising* entrant might therefore be to select a team whose four bowlers and all-rounder are all spinners. The leading candidates might be Emburey and Tufnell, of Middlesex, and Such and Childs, of Essex.

FOURTH INNINGS FIXTURES

August

11-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Colchester: Essex v Surrey
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire
Canterbury: Kent v Durham
Leicester: Leicestershire v Worcestershire
Lord's: Middlesex v Somerset
Eastbourne: Sussex v Derbyshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Lancashire

13-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE
Pontypridd: Glamorgan v South Africans

18-THIRD CORNHILL TEST MATCH
THE OVAL: ENGLAND v SOUTH AFRICA

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Kent
Hartlepool: Durham v Glamorgan
Southampton: Hampshire v Surrey
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Gloucestershire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Sussex
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Middlesex
Weston-super-Mare: Somerset v Essex
Kidderminster: Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Warwickshire

25-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Leicestershire
Portsmouth: Hampshire v Durham
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Kent
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Lancashire
The Oval: Surrey v Middlesex
Hove: Sussex v Warwickshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Yorkshire

30-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chelmsford: Essex v Sussex
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Leicestershire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Worcestershire
Worksop: Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan
Taunton: Somerset v Northamptonshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Hampshire
Sheffield: Yorkshire v Derbyshire

September

8-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Essex
Stockton-on-Tees: Durham v Lancashire
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Worcestershire
Canterbury: Kent v Somerset
Leicester: Leicestershire v Hampshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Gloucestershire
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Surrey

15-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chelmsford: Essex v Northamptonshire
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Warwickshire
Southampton: Hampshire v Glamorgan
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Leicestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Middlesex
Taunton: Somerset v Derbyshire
The Oval: Surrey v Kent
Hove: Sussex v Yorkshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Durham

FOURTH INNINGS PLAYERS IN THE TIMES FIRST CLASS XI GAME

Batsmen

Pick five players and a reserve from this category

001 ... * C J Adams (Derbyshire)
002 ... J C Adams (Nottinghamshire)
003 ... G F Archer (Nottinghamshire)
004 ... Asif Din (Warwickshire)
005 ... M A Atherton (Lancashire)
006 ... C W J Athey (Sussex)
351 ... M Azharuddin (Derbyshire)
007 ... R J Bailey (Northamptonshire)
008 ... K J BARNETT (Derbyshire)
009 ... M R BENSON (Kent)
010 ... D J Bicknell (Surrey)
011 ... T J Boon (Leicestershire)
012 ... P D Bowler (Derbyshire)
013 ... N E BRIERS (Leicestershire)
014 ... B C Broad (Gloucestershire)
015 ... A D Brown (Surrey)
016 ... D Byas (Yorkshire)
017 ... J D Carr (Middlesex)
018 ... P A Cottey (Glamorgan)
019 ... G R Cowdrey (Kent)
020 ... R M F Cox (Hampshire)
021 ... J P Crawley (Lancashire)
022 ... M A Crawley (Nottinghamshire)
023 ... T S CURTIS (Worcestershire)
024 ... * J A Daley (Durham)
025 ... * W A Dessaur (Nottinghamshire)
026 ... D B D'Oliveira (Worcestershire)
027 ... N H Fairbrother (Lancashire)
028 ... N A Felton (Northamptonshire)
029 ... N A Folland (Somerset)
030 ... A Fordham (Northamptonshire)
031 ... G Fowler (Durham)
032 ... * J E R Gallian (Lancashire)
033 ... M W GATTING (Middlesex)
034 ... G A GOOCH (Essex)
035 ... P Grayson (Yorkshire)
036 ... K Greenfield (Sussex)
037 ... J W Hall (Sussex)
038 ... T H C Hancock (Gloucestershire)
039 ... R J Harden (Somerset)
040 ... A N HAYHURST (Somerset)
041 ... D L Haynes (Middlesex)
042 ... * D L Hemp (Glamorgan)
043 ... S G Hinks (Gloucestershire)
044 ... G D Hodgson (Gloucestershire)
045 ... * A J Hollioake (Surrey)
046 ... N Hussain (Essex)
047 ... * S Hutton (Durham)
048 ... R C Irani (Essex)
049 ... S P James (Glamorgan)
050 ... P Johnson (Nottinghamshire)
051 ... M Keech (Hampshire)
052 ... S A Kellett (Yorkshire)
053 ... N V Knight (Essex)
054 ... A J LAMB (Northamptonshire)
307 ... B C Lara (Warwickshire)
055 ... M N Lathwell (Somerset)
056 ... W Larkins (Durham)
057 ... D A Leatherdale (Worcestershire)
058 ... N J Lenham (Sussex)
059 ... J J B Lewis (Essex)
060 ... * N J Liang (Kent)
061 ... G D Lloyd (Lancashire)
062 ... J I Longley (Durham)
063 ... M R Love (Northamptonshire)
064 ... M A Lynch (Surrey)
065 ... M P Maynard (Glamorgan)
066 ... A A Metcalfe (Yorkshire)
067 ... T C Middleton (Hampshire)
068 ... A J Moles (Warwickshire)
069 ... T M Moody (Worcestershire)
070 ... H MORRIS (Glamorgan)
071 ... J E Morris (Durham)
072 ... R S M Morris (Hampshire)
073 ... M D MOXON (Yorkshire)
074 ... M C J NICHOLAS (Hampshire)
075 ... T J G O'Gorman (Derbyshire)
076 ... D P Ostler (Warwickshire)
077 ... * T L Penney (Warwickshire)
078 ... P R Pollard (Nottinghamshire)
079 ... P J Prichard (Essex)
080 ... M R Ramprakash (Middlesex)
081 ... J D Ratcliffe (Warwickshire)
082 ... R B Richardson (Yorkshire)
083 ... * D D J Robinson (Essex)
084 ... P E Robinson (Leicestershire)
085 ... R T ROBINSON (Nottinghamshire)
086 ... A S Rollins (Derbyshire)
087 ... M A Roseberry (Middlesex)
303 ... * M Saxelby (Durham)
088 ... A C H Seymour (Worcestershire)
089 ... N Shahid (Essex)
090 ... * B F Smith (Leicestershire)
091 ... I Smith (Durham)
092 ... R A Smith (Hampshire)
093 ... N J Speak (Lancashire)
094 ... A W Smith (Surrey)
095 ... D M Smith (Sussex)
096 ... M P Speight (Sussex)
097 ... A J STEWART (Surrey)
098 ... N R Taylor (Kent)
099 ... V P Terry (Hampshire)
100 ... G P Thorpe (Surrey)
101 ... S P Titchard (Lancashire)
102 ... * M E Trescothick (Somerset)
103 ... R G Twose (Warwickshire)
104 ... * M P Vaughan (Yorkshire)
105 ... D M Ward (Surrey)
106 ... T R Ward (Kent)
107 ... R J Warren (Northamptonshire)
108 ... A P WELLS (Sussex)
109 ... C M Wells (Derbyshire)
110 ... * W P C Weston (Worcestershire)
111 ... J J Whitaker (Leicestershire)
112 ... * M G N Windows (Gloucestershire)
113 ... A J Wright (Gloucestershire)

All-rounders

Pick one player and a reserve from this category

114 ... M W Alleyne (Gloucestershire)
115 ... I D Austin (Lancashire)
116 ... P BAINBRIDGE (Durham)
117 ... D J Capel (Northamptonshire)
118 ... * G Chepple (Lancashire)
305 ... V P Clarke (Somerset)
119 ... D G Cork (Derbyshire)
120 ... R D B Croft (Glamorgan)
121 ... A C Cummins (Durham)
122 ... K M Curran (Northamptonshire)
123 ... A Dale (Glamorgan)
124 ... P A J DeFreitas (Derbyshire)
125 ... J E Emburey (Middlesex)
126 ... K P Evans (Nottinghamshire)
127 ... M A Feltham (Middlesex)
128 ... M V Fleming (Kent)
129 ... P J Hartley (Yorkshire)
130 ... * G R Haynes (Worcestershire)
131 ... G A Hick (Worcestershire)
132 ... C L Hooper (Kent)
133 ... R K Illingworth (Worcestershire)
134 ... K D James (Hampshire)
135 ... S R Lampitt (Worcestershire)
136 ... R P Lefebvre (Glamorgan)
137 ... C C Lewis (Nottinghamshire)
138 ... G W Mike (Nottinghamshire)
140 ... P J Newport (Worcestershire)
141 ... C Penn (Kent)
143 ... D A REEVE (Warwickshire)
144 ... G D Rose (Somerset)
145 ... P V Simmons (Leicestershire)
146 ... N M K Smith (Warwickshire)
147 ... P A Smith (Warwickshire)
148 ... * J N Snape (Northamptonshire)
149 ... F D Stephenson (Sussex)
150 ... J P Stephenson (Essex)
151 ... C M Tolley (Worcestershire)
153 ... M WATKINSON (Lancashire)
154 ... V J Wells (Leicestershire)
155 ... * P N Weekes (Middlesex)
156 ... C White (Yorkshire)

Wicketkeepers

Pick one player and a reserve from this category

157 ... A N Aymes (Hampshire)
158 ... R J Blakey (Yorkshire)
159 ... K R Brown (Middlesex)
160 ... N D Burns (Somerset)
309 ... T Edwards (Worcestershire)
161 ... B N French (Nottinghamshire)
162 ... M A Garnham (Essex)
163 ... W K Hegg (Lancashire)
164 ... G J Kersey (Surrey)
165 ... K M Krikken (Derbyshire)
166 ... S A Marsh (Kent)
167 ... C P Metson (Glamorgan)
168 ... P Moores (Sussex)
169 ... P A Nixon (Leicestershire)
304 ... W M Noon (Nottinghamshire)
170 ... K J Piper (Warwickshire)
171 ... S J Rhodes (Worcestershire)
172 ... D Ripley (Northamptonshire)
173 ... * R J Rollins (Essex)
174 ... R C Russell (Gloucestershire)
310 ... N F Sargeant (Surrey)
175 ... C W Scott (Durham)
176 ... R J Turner (Somerset)

Bowlers

Pick four players and a reserve from this category

177 ... J A Afford (Nottinghamshire)
178 ... C E L Ambrose (Northamptonshire)
179 ... S J W Andrew (Essex)
180 ... A M Babington (Gloucestershire)
181 ... M C J Ball (Gloucestershire)
182 ... A A Barnett (Lancashire)
183 ... S R Berwick (Glamorgan)
306 ... S J Base (Derbyshire)
184 ... S Bastien (Glamorgan)
185 ... * J D Batty (Yorkshire)
186 ... J E Benjamin (Surrey)
187 ... W K M Benjamin (Hampshire)
188 ... P J Berry (Durham)
189 ... M P Bicknell (Surrey)
191 ... J Boiling (Surrey)
307 ... * J E Brinkley (Worcestershire)
192 ... M Broadhurst (Yorkshire)
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116: P Bainbridge (all-rounder)
008: K J Barnett (batsman)
009: M R Benson (batsman)
013: N E Briers (batsman)
022: T S Curtis (batsman)
033: M W Gatting (batsman)
034: G A Gooch (batsman)
040: A N Hayhurst (batsman)
054: A J Lamb (batsman)
070: H Morris (batsman)
073: M D Moxon (batsman)
074: M C J Nicholas (batsman)
143: D A Reeve (all-rounder)
085: R T Robinson (batsman)
097: A J Stewart (batsman)
263: C A Walsh (bowler, o'seas player)
153: M Watkinson (all-rounder)
108: A P Wells (batsman)

Overseas players

002: J C Adams (batsman)
178: C E L Ambrose (bowler)
301: M Azharuddin (batsman)
187: W K M Benjamin (bowler)
308: C E Cuffy (bowler)
121: A C Cummins (all-rounder)
209: O D Gibson (bowler)
041: D L Haynes (batsman)
132: C L Hooper (all-rounder)
221: M S Kasprowicz (bowler)
302: B C Lara (batsman)
069: T M Moody (batsman)
082: R B Richardson (batsman)
145: P V Simmons (all-rounder)
149: F D Stephenson (all-rounder)
263: C A Walsh (bowler, captain)

Rising stars

001: C J Adams (batsman)
185: J D Batty (bowler)
307: J E Brinkley (bowler)
116: G Chapple (all-rounder)
024: J A Daley (batsman)
025: W A Dessaur (batsman)
206: D P J Flint (bowler)
032: J E R Gallian (batsman)
210: E S H Giddins (bowler)
130: G R Haynes (all-rounder)
042: D L Hemp (batsman)
045: A J Hollioake (batsman)
047: S Hutton (batsman)
220: R L Johnson (bowler)
223: D R Law (bowler)
062: N J Liang (batsman)
240: D B Pennett (bowler)
077: T L Penney (batsman)
243: A R K Pierson (bowler)
083: D D J Robinson (batsman)
173: R J Rollins (wicketkeeper)
303: M Saxelby (batsman)
090: B F Smith (batsman)
148: J N Snape (all-rounder)
255: S D Thomas (bowler)
102: M Trescothick (batsman)
104: M P Vaughan (batsman)
155: P N Weekes (all-rounder)
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Britannia Cup fleet left floundering in search of turning mark

Error signals farce for Cowes Week

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

COWES Week was reduced to farce yesterday when the Class 1 fleet, competing in the Britannia Cup race, was sent to a turning mark, at the entrance to the eastern Solent, that had been removed two years ago.

The 18 crews that had battered into head winds in Hayling Bay for more than 15 miles were left circling round wondering if they had misread the course signals posted on the parapets of the Royal Yacht Squadron ten minutes before the start.

"We were all going like a load of idiots around a wreck buoy and peering at a few others to see the names on them," Jo Richards, the sailing master on *Mandrake*, admitted.

Sir Peter Johnson, the press officer for the Squadron, said that the first the committee knew of the problems was when *Mandrake* and *Backlash*, chartered by Simon Cutts, returned to Cowes with red protest flags flying in their rigging.

Had a notice been issued to sailors declaring that the Dean Tail buoy had been lifted? "No, not according to the Queen's harbour master at Portsmouth, the Association of British Ports or the Cowes harbour master," he said.

However, Lieutenant-Commander James Davis, the assistant Queen's harbour master, said the buoy had been removed in 1992 after the cement carrier, *Theofano*, sank close by in 1990. "It was published in a notice to mariners then and again the following year, but we cancelled it this year because we felt its removal had been given sufficient promulgation. It sounds to me as if the race committee has not done its homework."

Last night, after most crews had decided to round nearby marks or the chart position where Deen Tail had once been moored, the matter was passed to Staveley Roberts and the protest committee to settle.

An embarrassed Captain Dan Bradby, secretary of the Cowes Combined Clubs, admitted the oversight had been his. "We didn't use that buoy last year and I didn't check up that it was still there, as I suppose I should have done," he said. "There are 89 buoys in the Solent area and it is difficult to keep a check on all of them."

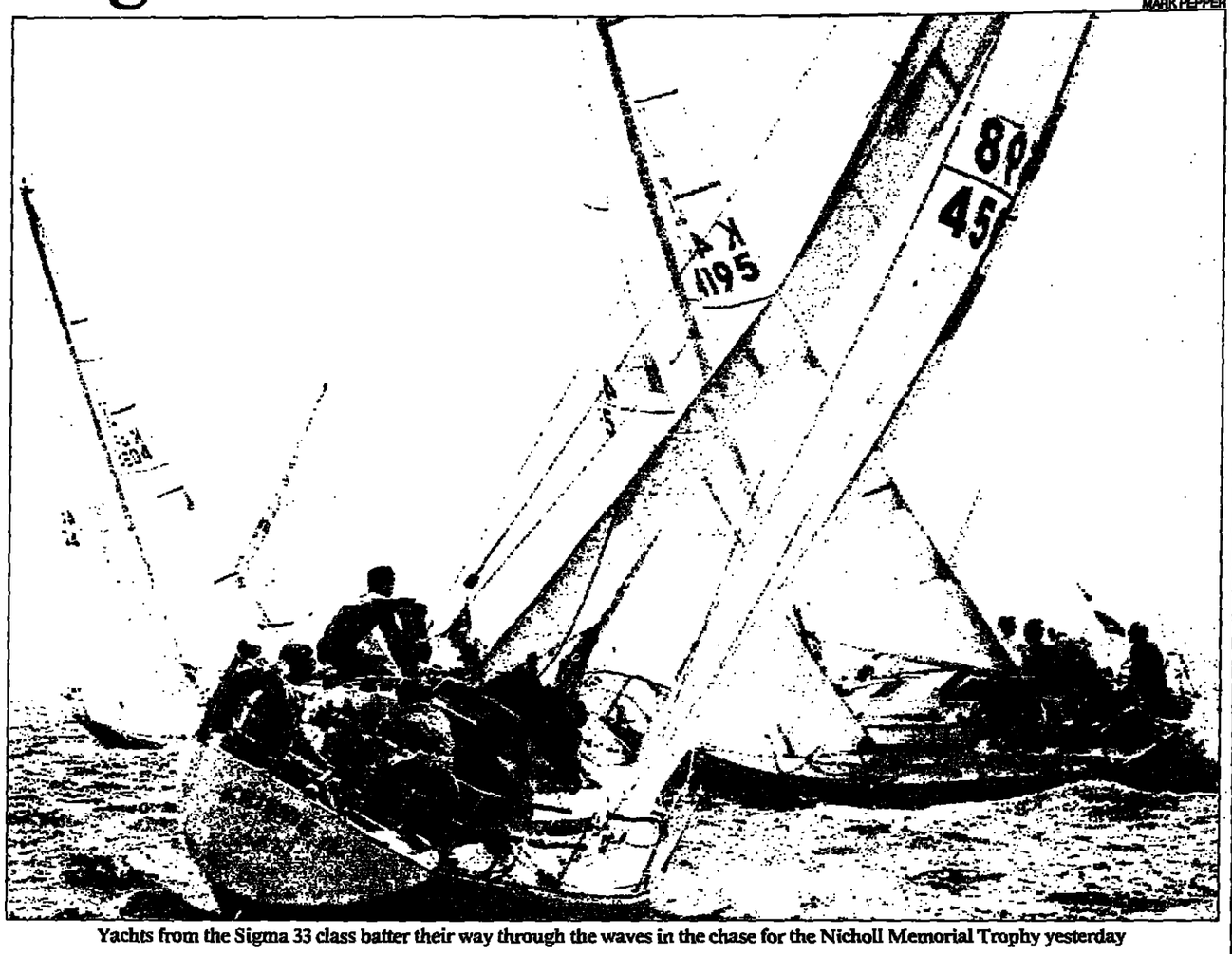
Another who will remember the day, or at least part of it, is Jonathan Dove, 19, a crewman aboard Derek Waiter's Class 1 entry, *Spirit of the North*. He was knocked on the head by the yacht's boom while close-tacking past the Napoleonic forts off Portsmouth. His crew headed immediately for Gosport where an ambulance was waiting to take him to the Royal Naval Hospital at Haslar. Dove suffered no more than a headache and, after being discharged, caught the ferry and was back in Cowes before his crew had had time to tie up. "I didn't duck and feel pretty silly about it," he said. At least he saved his crew from joining the search for a fictitious mark.

Last night, Sir Peter Johnson said that if the jury decided to abandon the race, the Royal Yacht Squadron would press for it to be rerun tomorrow.

As Mike Eaton's Class 3 entry, *Quencher*, the Sigma 38, *Summer Pudding*, the Mermaid, *Bluebell*, *Funny Feeling*, the Flying Fifteen, sailed by Rupert and John Mander, and Jeremy Lear's Victory class day boat, *Zinnia*, all claimed their fourth wins of the week, chivalry was to be witnessed in the Etchells class.

Mike Weston, whose *Long White Cloud* had holed *Naughty by Nature*, skippered by Jonathan Clark, just before Tuesday's race, rallied round with the co-owner, Geoff Skinner, to find a replacement boat for Clark to race yesterday. He did, finishing eighth to hold third place overall in this highly-competitive fleet. Skinner was less fortunate. *Long White Cloud*, which was thought to have escaped unscathed on Tuesday, lost her rig yesterday. "The crash must have caused more damage than we first heard," Weston said.

MARK PEPPER



Yachts from the Sigma 33 class batter their way through the waves in the chase for the Nicholl Memorial Trophy yesterday

Egham shrug off brave opponents

ALTHOUGH Egham deserved to win the Double Century Sherry English women's bowls triples championship at Royal Leamington Spa yesterday, their 17-8 victory did scant justice to Penryn's spirited display in the final (David Rhys Jones writes). Egham, despite being the favourites, with all three of their players having helped Surrey to win the Walker Cup last week, could not shake off their opponents until 14 ends had been played. The score was then 9-8.

Chrissie Winter led splendidly for the champions and she was well supported by Pam Garden, who reached the final of the All England Champion of Champions singles tournament at the weekend, while Doreen Haskin, the Egham skip, added the finishing touches. For the Cornish trio, Liz Swadling and Pat Jose, though relatively inexperienced, performed well, while Judith Reynolds, at skip, played a captain's part.

Staples ready to move

RUGBY UNION: Jim Staples, capped 14 times at full back for Ireland, is on the verge of joining Harlequins. He has met with a representative of the club.

☐ The West Country derby between Bath, the champions, and Bristol on Saturday, September 10, will be the first Courage League match to be shown live on Sky TV. The satellite channel has agreed a three-year deal to show 30 matches a season from the Courage League, Pilkington Cup, county championships and divisional finals along with selected games from Scotland and Ireland.

British reach finals

ROWING: The Great Britain team ended the first day of the world junior championships in Munich with five boats moving directly to semi-final and final places and the chance of more to follow after today's repechages (Mike Rosewell writes). The men's coxless four seemed to have secured a place in the semi-final until the Irish outpaced them by more than a length on the run-in. However, the coxed four squeezed past the Czech Republic team in the last strokes to avoid a repechage.

Petchey upsets Chang

TENNIS: Mark Petchey claimed a suprise victory over Michael Chang, the No 1 seed, in the first round of the Los Angeles Open late on Tuesday. Petchey, ranked 89th in the world, beat Chang, runner-up in the tournament last year, 7-5, 6-3 in only 72 minutes. "It's tough when you're not able to do what you want to do," Chang said. Boris Becker, the second seed, showed no ill effects of his month-long lay-off to beat Grant Stafford, of Canada, 7-5, 6-3, and Andre Agassi, the No 3 seeded, beat Nicklas Kulti, of Sweden, 6-2 6-1.

Whitbread to return

ATHLETICS: The former javelin world record-holder, Fatima Whitbread, said yesterday she was planning a comeback, four years after retiring through injury. The 33-year-old, who set the world record in 1986 and won the world title a year later before being forced out with back and shoulder problems, expects to be given the all-clear by specialists later this month. "I would love to get back and the medical people have indicated there is no reason why I shouldn't," Whitbread said.

Toes trips up

SQUASH: Egypt further reduced England's hopes of success in the Hi-Tec world junior men's championship in Christchurch, New Zealand, yesterday when Ahmed Fayzi, 15, beat Adam Toes, from Yorkshire, the second seed, 2-9, 9-6, 9-7, 9-4 in a 73-minute fourth-round match. Marcus Cowie, of Norfolk, also lost, 4-1, 1-9, 9-5, 9-5, 9-5 against Thierry Lincou, of France. Chris Tomlinson, of Kent, and Iain Higgins, of Essex, both reached the quarter-finals.

Saunders plots path for home

COWES DIARY

CAPTAIN Keith Brown would chuckle if he were here. The man who almost started the 1993 Grand National, the race that never was, knows what the Royal Yacht Squadron is going through at the moment.

Yesterday, as the might and tradition of the Squadron and the Cowes Combined Clubs (CCC) failed to notice the removal of the Dean Tail buoy and so scuppered the Britannia Cup, Mark Saunders, 18, saved the crew of *Backlash* hours of blood, sweat and tears by spotting the CCC's gaffe early on.

Mark was working as navigator on his father's yacht and had a sneaking suspicion all was not well from the start. A local boy with local knowledge, who is based in Ryde, his fears were well-grounded and *Backlash* backed up, turned tail and headed for home long before the rest of the fleet had realised the problem.

The only other sensible soul was Tony Pratt, who quickly called a halt to *Mandrake's* endeavours once the buoy had not been found and, with *Backlash*, registered a protest nice and early before sitting back to wait for the fun and games of the protest meeting to begin.

Just the job

Protest meetings have a tendency to be heated affairs, but the fallout from the Britannia Cup debacle could run and run. However, despite the clout and authority of the Squadron and the CCC, they cannot argue with the evidence provided by *Brighton Barracuda*. The yacht is racing in Cowes in preparation for the Teeside British Isles and Ireland race, which starts on Saturday, and is the official entry of the Essex Police. While it is hard to work out what the value of such seafaring experience will be for the eight bobbies from the Essex beat once they return to their various stations, their years of experience in taking statements and presenting evidence in court will soon sort the men from the buoys when the jury sits to unravel the chaos of yesterday's race.

Search is on

Enough is enough. Barry Pickthall, the correspondent from *The Times*, has put his money where his dinghy was and stumped up for a case of Bombay Sapphire Gin (official sponsors of the finish-line barge — draw your own conclusions) as a reward for the return of the now infamous *Scamp*. Pickthall believes, after four days without *Scamp*, that the outlay is worth it. The gin may be worth more than the dinghy (although it tastes considerably better), but offering a reward is easier on the ears than the annoyance of Mrs Pickthall, who maintains *Scamp* is hers and it's about time he did something about finding it.

ALIX RAMSAY

Challenge that follows you home

The Times has two berths on the BT Global Challenge in 1996. **Andrew Longmore** talks to veterans of the first event

BT Global Challenge THE TIMES

For some who tackled the last Challenge, the uncertainty did not end with the return to dry land. The reluctance of some employers to regard adventure on the high seas as a passport to brighter and better things came as a shock to those who thought that completing 28,000 sea miles would prove an impressive addition to the curriculum vitae.

This week, nearly 16 months after stepping off *Interspray*, Carlton Dodd is still waiting for the telephone to ring with the offer of the right job. His initial belief, that he would only need to make a few contacts and fill in a few forms to get back into the mainstream of employment in the insurance business, proved severely optimistic.

"I maybe thought that it would be too easy initially, that everyone would be delighted with what I'd done. That hasn't been the case. Some employment agencies I went to just didn't want to know about the race at all."

Dodd was by no means the only one to suffer setbacks. But the negative response to the Challenge reflects badly on the narrow-mindedness of employers who look only for qualifications and not for the individual qualities of determination, resilience and teamwork fostered by the nine months' spent racing a yacht through the most dangerous seas in the world.

Dodd is philosophical about the past 15 months, but his well-developed sense of humour has been tested to the limit. His mistake was not to plan for life after the race, particularly as he had no wife and children. Many others made the same error, believing that life would gently fall back into place.

Sue Tight took up the Challenge partly because her boyfriend, Paul Titchener, had done so and partly to change her way of life. She gave up her well-paid job as a management consultant with Coopers and Lybrand in London to sail on *Commercial Union*. She had a rough idea of what the future might hold, but knew only that she was tired of London and of "being just a number in the City".

When she and Titchener got back, they bought a dilapidated 15th-century house near Street, in Somerset. He returned to work with Coopers and Lybrand, she donned overalls to help with the restoration of the house.

"Our skipper said to us, 'Make sure you have something to come back to', and that's been absolutely right. I came back and I thought, 'Christ, I'm 35 now', but what does it matter?

"The Challenge taught me that life is about a lot more than competition and material needs. It's about enjoyment and fresh air, which sounds a bit cute, I know, but it's true."

And has her character changed as well? "I definitely feel more self-confident and I'm more extrovert than I was. I'm also more aware of my strengths and weaknesses, more relaxed, more controlled. I tend not to get so angry when things go wrong. Life has changed a lot."

But how much it can change is largely a matter of expectation. The Challenge cannot guarantee fulfilment. Julian Wells said: "There was a lot of suggestion that this would radically alter your life. The reality is that you sail a boat over a bit of water and have an adventure."

Wells was first mate on *Interspray* and qualified as an Ocean Yacht Master before he went. But his prosaic view was doubtless conditioned by the demands of his family and his own veterinary practice, which staggered on while he indulged his wanderlust.

"Kids and a mortgage — they're great levellers," he said. "When you come back, you have very little choice but to get back on with it. My overdraft got bigger and that concentrates the mind, too."

For Simon Walker, the Challenge was strictly a career move, a chance to ditch his degree in computer engineering for the more glamorous life of a professional skipper: "A sense of adventure was in the blood before I set out. I think I would have graduated to something more exciting than computing anyway, but the Challenge was the ideal opportunity."

Yet, according to Dodd, the race itself was the easy bit: "There are three parts to the whole thing. First is to get to the start. The second is doing the race. The third is coming back and that, for me, was the hardest part of all."

☐ *Lucy Fleming, an actress, and James Capstick, a policeman, will occupy The Times' berths on the BT Global Challenge and report regularly on their adventures.*



Dodd: waiting for a call



Tight: no longer a number

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Storm brewing over St Petersburg fiasco

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

AS THE staging of ice skating events at the Goodwill Games in St Petersburg descended into farce this week, the main cause appeared to be a combination of unseasonably hot weather and old-fashioned bad luck. But yesterday it became clear that the organisers may have contributed to their own downfall by interfering with the weather.

The third version of the multi-sport Games started badly when the swimming pool was so murky that some competitors refused to take part. Since then, things have slipped steadily downhill, and, on Tuesday, the Yubileiny Sports Palace, where the skating was due to begin later that day, was found to have insufficient ice. Late on Tuesday, after long and increasingly desperate attempts to improve the skating surface had failed, the speed-skating events were switched to another, much smaller, rink, a half-mile away.

A heat wave, with temperatures in the 90s, a power failure and the lack of air-conditioning were blamed for the failure in getting the ice ready at Yubileiny in time. Until Saturday, the venue had been used for boxing.

Yesterday, it became clear that the sports palace rink would still not have enough ice for the start of the figure skating, which was due to begin with preliminaries yesterday afternoon. The start was delayed until today and plans were being made last night to switch again to the smaller rink. Jack Kelly, the Goodwill Games president, said: "The ice is being made very, very slowly. They have no explanation for it. The pipes show -14° and the ice, instead of drying in a layer in 20-30 minutes, is taking 2-2½ hours for each layer."

Kelly said there was virtually no chance of figure skating going ahead at Yubileiny today. "We're assuming that we will make the move," he said. "We don't believe there's any realistic chance they'll hold it at Yubileiny with the rate of ice. We don't want to take any risk with the skaters with thin ice or anything that would make it less than an adequate ice surface."

On the face of it, the St Petersburg authorities seemed simply to have been unfortunate. The weather in the area is usually cool and rainy at this time of year, but weeks of sunshine gave St Petersburg its hottest July in 22 years. This was compounded on Sunday by a power failure just as the bigger rink was being switched from the boxing. But yesterday it emerged that the weather was the one thing the city authorities had planned for. Vladimir Kozlov, the head of the flying service of the St Petersburg geophysical observatory, said the city government had signed a 35 million ruble (£11,500) contract with the observatory to disperse clouds. When a cloud approaches, a plane is dispatched to pour silver salts over it, forcing it to start raining immediately.

Kozlov said that two planes had been sent to prevent stormy clouds from coming to St Petersburg over the weekend, and they each broke into rain about 30 miles southwest of the city. "On another occasion, we were a bit late and it was raining five kilometres from the city," he said.

Whatever the cause of the weather, the Games organisers face a serious problem. The figure skating was one of the few events to have sold out in advance.

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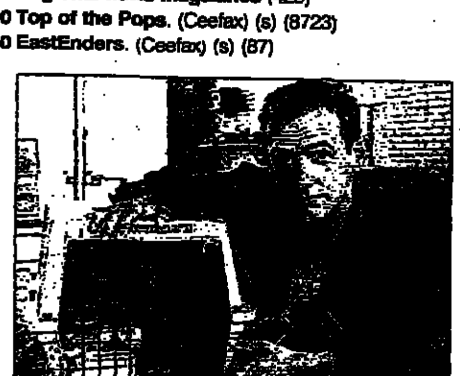
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Stuart King cares for a Scarlett Macaw (8.00pm)

8.00 **QED: Live Lugguage**. A look at the work of the Animal Quarantine Station at Heathrow during one of its busiest periods. Endangered species on their way to a taxidermist and rattlesnakes in a camcorder case briefcase are just some of the animals intercepted as they were about to be smuggled into Britain. (Ceefax) (s) (7471)
8.30 **The Imaginatively-Titled Punt and Dennis Show**. Comedy and sketches with Steve and Hugh. (Ceefax) (s) (3278)
9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax). Regional news and weather (6346)
9.30 **French and Saunders**. The inimitable comic duo pay homage to *Silence of the Lambs* (r). (Ceefax) (s) (12926)
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10.35 **BBC Proms 94: The First Hundred Years**. James Naughtie introduces a concert devoted to the music of Wagner performed by the BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Tadaaki Otaka (s) (2055278)
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8.00 **Breakfast News** (Ceefax and signing) (1763162)
8.15 **Pinocchio**. Animation (r) (9177655) **8.40 Babar**. Cartoon (r) (6114181)
9.05 **FILM: Lucky Partners** (1940, b/w) starring Ginger Rogers and Ronald Colman. Madcap romance directed by Lewis Milestone (66279742)
10.40 **The History Man** (r) (9969177)
10.45 **Cricket: Second Test**. Tony Lewis introduces live coverage from Headingley of the first morning's play between England and South Africa in the second Cornhill Insurance Test (s) (51934636)
1.00 **Canvas**. James White, the Director of the National Gallery of Ireland, discusses the work of Irish painter Jack Yeats (r) (71775839) **1.20 Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams** (r) (s) (90161433)
1.35 **Cricket: Second Test**. Further live coverage from Headingley on the first day's play between England and South Africa (s) Including at **2.00** and **3.00 News** (Ceefax) and weather (22823452) and, at **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather
6.30 **World Equestrian Games**. Coverage from the Hague in Holland of the second day of the showjumping competition. With commentary by Michael Tucker and Stephen Hadley (33452)
7.30 **The Business: The Maverick Solution**. David Lomax talks to the boss of a small Brazilian engineering firm, which could provide the blueprint for the successful management of companies in the 21st century. (Ceefax) (s) (29)
8.00 **Open Space: Let's Kill Nanny** (Ceefax) (s) (5013)



Gardening hero Percy Thrower (8.30pm)

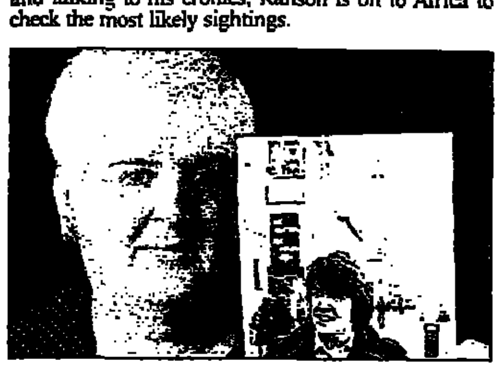
8.30 **25 Years of Gardeners' World**. (Ceefax) (s) (4520)
9.00 **The Travel Show** with Penny Junor. Alison Goldie spends a weekend in Fez; comedian Arthur Smith unleashes his dry wit on a guide to London's café society; and Paddy Haycocks finds out where the Spanish go to escape Spain (s) (4988)
9.30 **A Change of Sex**. (Ceefax) (897075)
10.20 **Building Sights**. The Royal College of Physicians in Regent's Park designed by Sir Denys Lasdun in 1960 (r) (451704)
10.30 **Newsnight** with Kirsty Wark. (Ceefax) (639433)
11.15 **Cricket: Second Test**. Richie Benaud introduces highlights of the first day's play from Headingley (s) (163100) **11.55 Weather** (979568)
12.00 **Open University**: A Future with Aids (36259) **12.30am** The Cornflakes Story (83679). Ends at **1.00**

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CHOICE

True Stories: Dead Lucky
Channel 4, 9.30pm

After the first moon landing and Chappaquiddick comes Lord Lucan. The year has been rich in 20th anniversaries and television has not been slow in marking them. Lucan's disappearance, after allegedly murdering his nanny and trying to kill his estranged wife, did not happen until November so Susanna White's film gets in early. The wheeze is to get Roy Ranson, the Scotland Yard detective in charge of the case, to make another attempt to solve it. Fat chance, you will say and you will not be wrong. But speculation can be almost as diverting as coming up with the answer and after retracing Lucan's lifestyle, and talking to his cronies, Ranson is off to Africa to check the most likely sightings.



Julie Grant talks about life as George (BBC2, 9.30pm)

A Change of Sex
BBC2, 9.30pm

In 1980 George Roberts underwent a sex change and became Julia Grant. The cameras were on hand to chart the process. George/Julia co-operated with frankness and lack of embarrassment and there was *no attempt to gloss over the intimate medical details*. In its way, though not to all tastes, it was a notable piece of television, providing the most detailed public portrait so far of a man growing up with the realisation that he would prefer to be a woman. We hear about his early years as a male prostitute and a drag artist and his decision to take the first practical steps towards the sex change by having a breast implant. Footage from that is being repeated as the prelude to a new documentary about Julia's life today.

25 Years of Gardeners' World
BBC2, 8.30pm

Graham Rose of *The Sunday Times* introduces an irresistible piece of nostalgia for connoisseurs of television gardening programmes. The hero is Percy Thrower, who first appeared on screen in the 1950s. He was wonderful at describing plants, as he had to be for the pictures were in black and white. *Gardeners' World* was launched with the arrival of colour and Thrower was its first anchorman. The peak of his career was a sketch with Morecambe and Wise. Its low point, though not financially, was being sacked by the BBC for doing commercials on ITV. *Gardeners' World* survived him and after ten years in the job its current presenter, Geoff Hamilton, has finally shaken off the tag of poor man's Percy Thrower.

Open Space: Let's Kill Nanny
BBC2, 8.00pm

In a diatribe that will delight the right wing of the Conservative Party, Professor David Marsland denounces the welfare state and says we must liberate ourselves from its cramping oppression. He accuses it of destroying the capacities of men and women to make their own choices and, seducing people away from their traditional commitment to hard work, high standards and honesty. The welfare state, he argues, has been an incentive to laziness and fraud and claims that hundreds of thousands of claimants are abusing the system for all it is worth. Self-reliance should replace the blundering inefficiency of the State, says the professor who is, unsurprisingly, a recent winner of the Margaret Thatcher Award. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00 **GMTV** (1862655)
9.25 **C.O.P.S.** (4603384) **9.50 Mission Top Secret** (s) (5502162)
10.20 **ITN News headlines** (Teletext) (9247520) **10.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9246891)
10.30 **FILM: Between the Darkness and the Dawn** (1985) starring Elizabeth Montgomery and James Naughton. A woman wakes from a 20-year coma to discover that the world has grown up without her. Directed by Peter Levin (56909487) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7530636)
12.30 **News** (Teletext) and weather (3576384)
12.55 **Emmerdale** (r). (Teletext) (3551075) **1.25 Home and Away**. (Teletext) (16987907) **1.55 TV Weekly** (s) (72994162)
2.25 **A Country Practice** (73614742) **2.50 The Young Doctors** (9267384) **3.20 ITN News headlines** (Teletext) (1915384) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1914655)
3.30 **Wizadora** (r) (1928094) **3.40 Tots TV** (r) (s) (2694297) **3.50 Rupert** (r) (1091636) **4.20 Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left** (s) (9879346) **4.45 Batman** (r). (Teletext) (s) (7979075)
5.10 **After 5**. (Teletext) (3199655)
5.40 **News** w (Teletext) and weather (462758)
5.55 **Your Shout**. Viewers' opinions on London life (724636)
6.00 **Home and Away** (r) (Teletext) (891)
6.30 **London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (471)

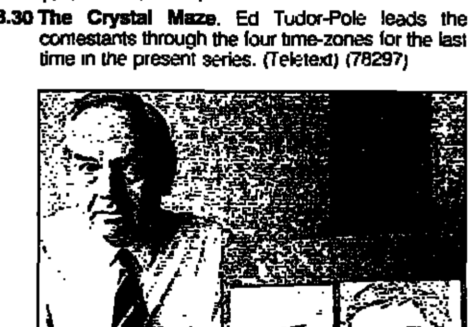


The Glovers arrive in Emmerdale (7.00pm)

7.00 **Emmerdale** (Teletext) (3891)
7.30 **3-D**. In the last of the series, the programme spends a Saturday evening at Barnsley Metrodome with 400 naturists (s) (655)
8.00 **The Bill: War of Nerves**. WPC Datta's colleagues are decidedly unfriendly, and to make matters worse she has Cato's support. (Teletext) (9839)
8.30 **Downwardly Mobile** Comedy about two couples living under the same roof. (Teletext) (s) (8346)
9.00 **Firm Friends**. Billie Whitelaw and Madhur Jaffrey star in this drama following the fortunes of the proprietors of a fast-food business. (Teletext) (s) (1907)
10.00 **News at Ten** with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (78094) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (112891)
10.40 **Big City**. What's on guide (s) (928839)
11.15 **Bodies of Evidence** (530723)
12.10am **Beyond Reality** (r) (9765563)
12.40 **Street Legal**. Crime drama series (5614766)
1.35 **Donahue**. The talk-show host meets cosmetic surgeons and their clients (5219106)
2.25 **The Beat** (r) (s) (1376501)
3.20 **The Album Show** (r) (s)(9190940)
4.20 **Quiz Night**. Birmingham's Chestnut Tree and Deptford's Dog and Bell (93552501)
4.50 **Curtis Calls** (38729655)
5.00 **Videofashion** (r) (41230)
5.30 **ITN Morning News** (24414). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 **Banana Splits** (r) (4771926)
7.00 **The Big Breakfast** (25549)
9.00 **Running the Halls**. Teen comedy (88471)
9.30 **Biker Mice From Mars**. Animation (5524384)
9.55 **Saved By the Bell**. American high school comedy (r) (Teletext) (5509075)
10.25 **Owl TV**. Wildlife series. Includes a visit to the London Butterfly House (r) (Teletext) (3878075)
10.50 **Betty's Bunch**. Series about a foster mother and her brood (r) (5429988)
11.20 **Tintin**. Animated adventures of Hergé's young hero (r) (5606100) **11.50 Adventures of Super Mario Brothers** (r) (5521568)
12.00 **The Lone Ranger** (b/w). Classic western series (75907). Followed by **Studie Nr 7.** Abstract animation by Oskar Fischinger
12.30 **Sesame Street** (r) (48568) **1.30 Madeline**. Animated story of a little French girl (17471)
2.00 **FILM: Call Me Mister** (1951) starring Betty Grable, Dan Dailey and Danny Thomas. A Busby Berkeley-choreographed musical directed by Lloyd Bacon (629100)
3.40 **Adventures of an Asterisk** Prize-winning animation by John Hubley (1939100)
3.55 **A Day In The Life... Geoffrey Durham**. The magician in action at Tatton Hall, Cheshire (r). (Teletext) (8552926)
4.30 **Countdown**. (Teletext) (568)
5.00 **Kingdoms in Conflict: Flight of the Snow Geese**. A wildlife documentary following the 2,500-mile migration of 300,000 snow geese (r). (Teletext) (s) (5984)
6.00 **Home Improvement**. American comedy series (r). (Teletext) (s) (433)
6.30 **Roseanne**. Wisecracking comedy (r). (Teletext) (s) (623)
7.00 **Channel 4 News** (Teletext) and weather (267517)
7.50 **The Political Slot** A Plaid Cymru broadcast (Teletext) (447655)
8.00 **Stories From an African Hospital** The second of a seven-part series set in a large hospital in Ghana (r). (Teletext) (4821)
8.30 **The Crystal Maze**. Ed Tudor-Pole leads the contestants through the four time-zones for the last time in the present series. (Teletext) (78297)



Roy Ranson faces up to Lord Lucan (9.30pm)

9.30 CHOICE **True Stories: Dead Lucky**. (Teletext) (s) (1125704)
10.35 **FILM: Border Crossing** (1992) starring Paul Bennen and Susanne Lothar. A drama about a young couple whose marriage is put in jeopardy by the recession and family problems. Directed by Stuart MacKinnon and Gunter Hormann (s) (25922617)
1.05am **Next Stop Hollywood: Hearts of Stone**. Director Steve Anderson's drama about two Los Angeles gangs who decide to settle their differences with a game of Russian roulette. Starring Tee Rodgers and Kevin Sifuentes. (5656766)
1.35-2.35 **The People's Parliament** (r) (5169056)

RADIO 1

FM Stereo **4.00am** Bruno Brookes **6.30** Steve Wright **9.00** Kevin Greening **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** 1FM Roadshow, from Maidstone, Kent **2.00** Mark Goodier, including at **3.45** The Adventures of Superman **4.00** Nicky Campbell with Drivetime, including at **5.30** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Collins and Maconie's Hit Parade **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Martyn Lewis **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Paul Cola **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jimmy's Cricket Team **7.30** Wally Whyton **9.00** Paul Jones **10.00** British Country: Neil Coppendale presents music from Grass Roots, Terry Clarke, Chris Newman and Tracey Elsdon **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, including at **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, including at **6.55** and **7.55** Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine, including at **9.40** Film Review **10.35** Europe News **12.00** Midday with Mair, including at **12.34pm** Liz Barclay with Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.35** Women on Top **8.35** View from the Boundary **9.05** Sports America, presented by Alton Byrd **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra **12.05am** Night Moves **2.00-5.00** Up All Night, featuring Update USA

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Fruhmagazin in German **5.00** Newshour **6.00** News in German **6.03** Morgenmagazin **6.27** News in German **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** World News **7.10** British News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Banking on the Poor **8.00** World News **8.15** Off the Shelf The Rainbow **8.30** Network UK **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Good Books **9.30** John Peel **10.00** World News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** From Our Own Correspondent **10.30** The Farming World **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News Summary **11.01** Banking on the Poor **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Into the Blue **1.00** World News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack X-Press **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** World News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf. The Rainbow **3.45** The Learning World **4.00** World News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **4.35** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.15** BBC English **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** News and Features in German **8.00** World News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Network UK **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Laughing Matters **1.00** News **1.10** British News **1.15** Music Review **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** On the Move **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Into the Blue **4.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Joan Thirkettle **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto Telemann (Recorder Concerto in C Philip Pickett, New London Consort) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Sarah Ward **7.00** The Travel Guide: Prague **8.00** Evening Concert. Jacopo Peri's early opera, *Euridice*, given as part of the Summer Music Festival **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Nick Abbot **10.00** WJ Williams **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyte

ANGLIA

As London except: 10.30 Children's Programmes **1.55** The Young Doctors (41465520) **2.50-3.20** Take the High Road (9267384) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (3199655) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (400075) **10.40** Oasis (47589385) **12.35am** The Two Mrs Granvilles (4591105) **1.35** Wrestling (2595698) **2.15** Top Ten (42476) **2.45** This Other Eden (3725853) **4.05** Jobfinder (93530389) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (8025056)

CENTRAL

As London except: 10.30 Bananas in Pyjamas (1769159) **10.35** James Bond Junior (5444297) **11.00** Ox Tales (5604742) **11.25** The Munsters Today (7867549) **11.50-12.20** Deepwater Haven (9855100) **1.55** A Country Practice (41465520) **2.50-3.20** Take the High Road (9267384) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (3199655) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (290558) **10.40** Little White Lies (47598013) **12.30am** Tropical Heat (5627230) **1.20-1.35** Night Shift (5270476) **4.50** Jobfinder (58965495) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6528563)

HTV WEST

As London except: 10.30-12.20 Jesse (56909487) **2.25** Gardening Time (73605094) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (8629926) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (3199655) **5.55** Home and Away (752278)

VARIATIONS

6.25-7.00 HTV News (400075) **10.40** Billy (590029) **11.10** Dust Off (595100) **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (522839) **12.35am** The Two Mrs Granvilles (4591105) **1.35** Superstars of Wrestling (2595698) **2.15** America's Top Ten (42476) **2.45** This Other Eden (3725853) **4.05** Jobfinder (93530389) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (8025056)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (400075) **7.30-8.00** National Eisteddfod 1994 (655) **10.30-10.40** HTV News and Weather (112891) **11.10-11.40** 3-D (595100)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 10.30-12.20 Disney's The Girl Who Spelled Freedom (56909487) **1.55** A Country Practice (41465520) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (9267384) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (3199655) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (891) **6.30-7.00** Grass Roots (471) **10.40** Father Dowling Investigates (570164) **11.35** A3 - Access All Areas (723181) **12.05am-12.40** Coach (5139211) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (41230)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 10.30 The Invisible Man (6501471) **11.50-12.20** Ox Tales (9855100) **1.55-3.25** A Country Practice (41465520)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (3199655) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (520758) **6.30-7.00** Talkabout (471) **10.40** Married with Children (590029) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (531452) **12.05am** The Taking of Flight 847 (245259) **1.55** America's Top Ten (2841292) **2.25** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6319056) **2.55** The Real Glory (183037) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (8025056)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 12.20pm-12.30 Westcountry News (7530636) **1.55** The Sullivans (41465520) **2.55-3.20** A Country Practice (8629926) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News, Weather (1914655) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (3199655) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (500791) **10.30** Westcountry News; Weather (112891) **10.40** Home Movies (590029) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (531452) **12.05am** Wild World of the East (9766292) **12.35** The Two Mrs Grenvilles (4591105) **1.35** Superstars of Wrestling (2595698) **2.15** America's Top Ten (42476) **2.45** This Other Eden (3725853) **4.05** Jobfinder (93530389) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (8025056)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 10.25 Calendar News (9246891) **10.30** The Invisible Man (6501471) **11.50-12.20** Ox Tales (9855100) **1.55-3.25** A Country Practice (41465520) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (3199655) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (520758) **6.30-7.00** Talkabout (471) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (112891) **10.40** Married with Children (590029) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (531452) **12.05am** The Taking of Flight 847 (245259) **1.55** America's Top Ten (2841292) **2.25** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6319056) **2.55** The Real Glory (183037) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (8025056)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (25549) **9.00** Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Nedd B recwast A (88471) **9.30** Biker Mice From Mars (14384) **10.00** Saved By The Bell (99636) **10.30** Owl TV (84655) **11.00** Betty's Bunch (2520) **11.30** The Adventures Of Tintin (1785094) **11.50** The Adventures Of Super Mario Brothers (5521568) **12.00pm** The Lone Ranger (75907) **12.30** Sesame Street (48568) **1.30** A Day In The Life Ian McCulloch (17471) **2.00** Secrets Of The Moor (7617) **2.30** Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Nedd Seremoni (18810) **4.00** Exercise (7180704) **4.10** Oprah Gold (9472384) **5.00** The Cosby Show (1297) **5.30** Countdown (520) **6.00** Newyddion (278487) **6.20** Heno (423926) **7.00** Jacpot (1433) **7.30** Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Nedd Y Llwyfan (69029) **8.30** Newyddion (6988) **9.00** Lleyns Oisons (132926) **9.35** Dim Ond Celf (237891) **10.05** Golden Girls (597810) **10.35** Tafod Ar Dafod (419100) **11.05** Bad Company (625181)

RADIO 3

6.30am **Open University**: Community History: Sex, Marriage and Population
6.55 Weather
7.00 **On Air**: Music, news and weather presented by Andrew McGregor. **7.05** Bach (Goldberg Variations 19-22, BWV 988: Glenn Gould, piano); **7.20** Hovhaness (Return and rebuild the desolate places: Chris Gekker, trumpet; Manhattan Chamber Orchestra); **7.32** Lotti (Pur dicesti, o bocca bella: Cecilia Bartoli, soprano, Gyorgy Fischer, piano); **8.05** Langlais (Incantation pour un jour saint: James Lancelot, organ), **8.28** Takemitsu (Will tomorrow, I wonder, be cloudy or clear? Shin-Yu Kai Choir under Shin Sekiya); **8.32** Mozart (Piano Concerto No 27 in B flat, K595: Melvyn Tan, fortepiano)
9.00 **Composer of the Week**: Dvořák, introduced by Mark Elder. (Love Songs, Op 83: Edita Gruberova, soprano; Symphony No 8 in G, Op 88: BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Tadaaki Otaka)
10.00 **Musical Encounters**, introduced by Mairi Nicolson. **10.01** *Artist of the Week*: Philip Pickett, director. Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 4 in G: New London Consort); **10.17** Victor Herbert (Hero and Leander, Op 33), **11.22** Dukas (Overture, Polyeucte); **11.38** Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 5 in D)
12.00 **Ensemble**: Jill Anderson introduces a recital by Tessa Uys, piano. Schubert (Three Piano Pieces, D946); Mozart (Adagio in B minor, K540); Beethoven (Variations and Fugue in E flat, Eroica, Op 35)
1.00pm **Opera Matinée**: The Ambrosian Opera Chorus and the London Symphony Orchestra under Ion Martin perform Rossini's dramatic opera, *Semiramide*, in which the Queen of Babylon murders her husband to win his throne. With Cheryl Studer, soprano, and Samuel Ramey, bass
5.00 **The Music Machine**, with Tommy Pearson (r)
5.15 **In Tune**, presented by Rodney Slatford. Including **5.15** William Duckworth (Southern Harmony; Hebrew Children, Bk 1): **6.02** Korngold (Cello Concerto); **7.00** Ravel (Daphnis et Chloé, Suite No 2)
7.30 **BBC Proms 1994**: Live from the Albert Hall, London. The BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Tadaaki Otaka, with Nobuko Imai, viola, performs Daniel Jones (Dance Fantasy); Delius (The Walk to the Paradise Garden, A Village Romeo and Juliet); Walton (Violin Concerto). **8.20** Elgar's First Symphony. **8.40** Elgar (Symphony No 1 in A flat). See Choice
9.40 **Inherit the Truth**: The fourth of five programmes in which Anita Lasker-Wallfisch recalls her time as a cellist in the orchestra at Auschwitz (r)
10.00 **William Wordsworth**. Peter Wallfish, piano, plays *Valediction*
10.15 **The Trail-Blazer**: The work of *the American composer*, George Russell (r)
10.45 **The Sound of Time Passing Slowly**: Daybreak in Darjeeling. The early morning sounds of a town in the Himalayas (r)
11.30-12.30am **Voices**: First the Words, then the Music. Susan Sharpe visits a Swabian village in search of the poet Mörike, who inspired the composer Wolf to write 50 songs in one year

RADIO 4

5.55am **Shipping Forecast 6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day, with George Austin
8.40 **Just William**: The Outlaws and the Hidden Treasure, by Richmal Crompton **8.58** Weather
9.00 **News 9.05 The Moral Maze**, presented by Michael Buerk
10.00-10.30 **News; Uncle Dynamite** (FM only): Dramatisation of P.G. Wodehouse's comic tale, starring Richard Briers
10.00 **Daily Service** (LW only)
10.15 **Children's Radio 4: The Thirteen Clocks** (LW only). A story by James Thurber (2/3)
10.30 **Woman's Hour** (FM only from 11.00): The actress Hayley Mills talks to Sarah Dunant. Serial: *With One Lousy Free Packet of Seed*
11.00-7.00pm **Test Match Special** (LW only): Commentary on the first day's play in the second Test between England and South Africa at Headingley. Including at **3.40 County Talk**
11.30 **From Our Own Correspondent** (FM only)
12.00 **News; You and Yours** (FM)
12.25pm **Inspiration!** (FM only): Heather Couper, Eric Laithwaite, Lewis Wolpert and Johnny Ball answer questions on inventions at the Science Museum in London **12.55** Weather
1.00 **The World at One**
1.40 **The Archers** (FM only) (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 **News; Dear Penny** (FM only): A comedy by Robert East. A forgotten 1950s pop star struggles to hold on to her late-night spot on Radio Brownsea. With Elizabeth Counsell
3.00 **Anderson Country** (FM only)
4.00 **News** (FM only) **4.05 Kaleidoscope: The Tour** (FM only): Robert Dawson Scott reports from Belfast on 50 years of drama at the Civic Arts Theatre and 25 years of the Troubles
4.45 **Short Story** (FM only). Rhino-Skin, by Moy McCrory Read by Dorien Thomas (r)
5.00 **PM 5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News**
6.30 **The Crusader Chronicles**: The last of the spoof tales about the Crusades. With Hugh Grant and Michael Aldridge
7.00 **News 7.05 The Archers**
7.20 **Seven Dams**: Noah Richler visits the High Dam at Aswan in Egypt (2/7)
8.00 **Number Seven, Planty Street**: See Choice
8.45 **Soper's Corner**: In the last of Lord Donald Soper's recollections of his 70 years in the Methodist ministry, he discusses his successes and failures and looks ahead to the future
9.00 **Does He Take Sugar?**
9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 **The World Tonight**
10.45 **Book at Bedtime**: Foreign Parts, by Janice Galloway Read by Siobhan Redmond
11.00 **Stanza on Stage**: An anthology of poetry from Shakespeare to Stevie Smith ends the series
11.30 **Keep It Clean** Laurence Alster on the development of lavatory paper (r)
12.00-12.43am **News** incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Number Seven, Planty Street. *Radio 4, 8.00pm.*

Even as it ends, a question mark still hangs over Colin McLaren's dramatised documentary. What really sparked the massacre or injuring of 100 Jews in the Polish town of Kielce in July 1946? Sheer mindless brutality? A calculated anti-Semitic plot intended to complete the work the Nazis left unfinished? Or was it a knee-jerk response to the allegation that Jews stole and murdered Christian children and used their blood for devilish rituals? The admission of guilt by one of the accused killers was couched in these pathetic terms: "I know it's illegal to cause a public affray."

BBC Proms 1994. *Radio 3, 7.30pm.*

Elgar's Symphony No 1 provides both the climax to tonight's Prom and the topic for the interval discussion (8.20pm). I am glad the biographer Michael Kennedy will be one of those taking part. His unrivalled life of Elgar contains the fullest account available of the symphony's triumphant premiere in Manchester in 1908. So ecstatic was the audience's response to the slow movement in particular that Elgar was called to the platform to acknowledge it. **Peter Davalle**

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (70123162) **9.10** Cartoons (1739810) **9.30** Card Sharks (1844926) **9.55** Concentration (1829617) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (3997891) **10.30** Love at First Sight (19365) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (66810) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (78407) **12.30pm** E Street (43810) **1.00** Falcon Crest (48365) **2.00** Hart To Hart (49655) **3.00** Another World (4041029) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (6195926) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (1452) **6.00** The Simpsons (7365) **6.30** Blockbusters (8617) **7.00** E Street (2181) **7.30** M*A*S*H (7159) **8.00** Rescue (76162) **9.00** LA Law (96926) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (99013) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (424723) **11.45** V (349297) **12.45-1.45am** Hill Street Blues (541563)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise Europe (64013) **9.30** Beyond 2000 (47636) **10.30** Nightline (17907) **11.30** Japan Business Today (50636) **1.30pm** CBS News (40723) **2.30** Parliament, live (4278) **3.15** Parliament continued (4964926) **4.30** World News and Business (7742) **7.30** The Reporters (8471) **9.30** Talkback (38968) **11.30** CBS News (35452) **12.30am** ABC News (10747) (57921) **1.30** The Reporters (88874) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (47018) **3.30** Talkback (61698) **4.30** The Reporters (78414) **5.30-6.00** CBS News

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (5243100)
10.00 Bon Voyage Charlie Brown (1980) Animated film version of the exploits of Charlie Brown and friends in France (54926)
12.00 The Ugly American (1963): Marlon Brando is an American ambassador in Asia (26758)
2.00pm The Sinking of the Rainbow Warrior (1992) The true story of the Greenpeace ship. With Jon Voight (80365)
4.00 Girls Just Wanna Have Fun (1985): Three girls take part in a music contest (55688636)
5.50 Pure Luck (1991). Martin Short and Danny Glover are thrown together in the search for a missing woman (42302687)
7.30 E! News Week in Review The latest news from Hollywood (2297)
8.00 A Midnight Clear (1992): Ethan Hawke plays a teenage platoon sergeant during the Second World War. With Kevin Dillon (72346)
10.00 Hellraiser III (1992) Pinhead is back to terrorise more innocent humans (555723)
11.35 Tales From the Darkside: The Movie (1990). Three horror yarns (781471)
1.10am Double X (1991) Norman Wisdom is a petty crook who decides to leave the *criminal underworld* (564263)
2.45 Buford's Beach Bunnies (1991) Sex comedy with Jim Hanks (714921)
4.25 The Sinking of the Rainbow Warrior (as 2pm) (868872) Ends at **5.55**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Scrooge (1951): Alastair Sim stars as the titular miser (62907)
8.00 Grayeagle (1978) Western adventure with Ben Johnson tracking an Indian who has *kidnapped his daughter* (87452)
10.00 Same Time, Next Year (1978). Comedy drama with Alan Alda and Ellen Burstyn (26617) Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Canterville Ghost: Cartoon (59181)
7.00 The Count of Monte Cristo (1983): An animated version of Dumas's tale (71536)
8.00 Pop Pirates (as 6pm) (21097)
9.00 Ali Baba (as 7pm) (88181)
10.00 Yankee Doodle Dandy (1942): Biopic of the composer George M Cohan. Starring James Cagney (31627655)
12.05pm Scaramouche (1952): Period swashbuckler with Stewart Granger (668839)
2.00 The New Adventures of Oliver Twist. Animated adventures on the streets of Victorian London (88907)
4.00 Paris Holiday (1958): Bob Hope goes to Paris to find a new script and is chased by gangsters. With Anita Ekberg (4926)
6.00 Pop Pirates (1984): Children's Film Foundation adventure story (51839)
7.00 Ali Baba Animated version of the classic children's tale (83452)
8.00 Medicine Man (1992) Sean Connery is a biochemist in the Amazon rainforest. With Lorraine Bracco (70988)
10.00 Light Sleeper (1991): A 40-year-old drug dealer tries to change his life. With Willem Dafoe and Susan Sarandon (926520)
11.50 Uninhibited (1991) Adult drama (864758)
1.30am American Me (1992): A crime lord rules the underworld from behind bars. With Edward James Olmos (65407211)
3.35 Overexposed (1990): A man cons a woman into believing that her husband is having an affair (48151695). Ends at **5.00**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am WWF Wrestling Challenge (57384) **8.00** Eventing (58013) **9.00** Soccer's Entertainers (15848) **9.30** Aerobics (38029) **10.00** Watersports (95346) **11.00** Ten Pin Bowling (97510) **12.00** Aerobics (19452) **12.30pm** High Five (36617) **1.00** Get Tour Handicap Down (19926) **1.30** ATP Tennis Magazine (35988) **2.00** International Darts live (127520) **5.00** World of Rugby Union (3075) **5.30** Soccer's Entertainers (4810) **6.00** WWF Wrestling All American (44636) **7.00** Australian Rugby League (90891) **9.00** International Darts, live (13617) **11.00** Soccer's Entertainers (82164) **11.30-1.30am** Australian Rugby League (25636)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (97758) **8.00** Eurofun (65443) **8.30** Mountainbike (15984) **9.00** Triathlon (11487) **10.00** Formula One (13742) **11.00** Tennis, live (8812988) **4.00** Equestrianism (82433) **5.30** Motors (57568) **6.30** News (8641) **7.00** Live Basketball (98487) **9.00** Boxing (18162) **10.00** Truck Racing (12549) **10.30** Tennis (21297) **11.00** Golf (14471) **12.00-12.30** News (87921)

UK GOLD

7.00am The Sullivans (7716346) **7.30** Neighbours (7728181) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7488346) **8.30** EastEnders (7487617) **9.00** The Bill (7401297) **9.30** Wings (6652549) **10.30** Bergerac (56723758) **11.35** The Sullivans (57443907) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7481433) **12.30pm** Neighbours (6287181) **1.00** EastEnders (7715617) **1.30** The Bill (6286452) **2.00** Robin's Nest (7897520) **2.30** Three Up Two Down (3016471) **3.00** Knots Landing (3479926) **4.00** Dynasty (3458433) **5.00** Every Second Counts (4992549) **5.40** The Goodies (6712471) **5.55** Sykes (1904365) **6.30** EastEnders (3008452) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (1541520) **8.00** Three Up, Two Down (7817384) **8.30** Robin's Nest (7896891) **9.00** Bergerac (1547704) **10.00** *The Bill* (7482162) **10.30** *Cool It* (3297742) **11.10** Thunderbirds (2000278) **12.10am** Dr Who (2290292) **12.40** FILM Black Narcissus (1946) A group of nuns at a Himalayan outpost try to maintain a school and hospital. Stars Deborah Kerr (2989653) **2.30-3.30** Shopping at Night (6611292)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am It's Drobee Time (22029) **7.00** Spiff and Hercules (6197655) **7.15** Pastagums (6970636) **7.30** Casper and Friends (34079) **8.00** Pingu (7967742) **8.05** Head to Head in 3D (7957365) **8.15** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (2610988) **8.30** Beverly Hills Teens (57636) **9.00** Bobby's World (7301162) **9.25** Around the World in 80 Seconds (9701617) **10.00** Twins of Destiny (80013) **10.30** Runaway Bay (60100) **11.00** Chuckle Club (28075) **11.30** Amazing Live Sea Monkeys (29704) **12.00** Hour of Power (51452) **12.30pm** New Fantastic Four (79617) **1.00** Guitars and Roses (19013) **1.30** Swan's Crossing (77988) **2.00** Barney and Friends (4723) **2.30** Mysterious Cities of Gold (3094) **3.00** Garfield and Friends (6758) **3.30** Head to Head in 3D (8800029) **3.40** Summer Crunch from Alton Towers (6938549) **4.30-5.00** Saved by the Bell (5758)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Pondles (55926) **8.00** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (14907) **8.30** Alvin and the Chipmunks (13278) **9.00** *Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego?* (66818) **9.30** Clarissa Explains it All (56471) **10.00** Rocko/Garbage Pail Kids (88568) **10.30** Denver the Last Dinosaur (36742) **11.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (84617) **11.30** Smoggies (85346) **12.00** Nick Faves (17094) **12.30pm** The Muppet Show (30487) **1.00** Alvin and the Chipmunks (17568) **1.30** Chroma Zone (65346) **2.30** Garbage Pail Kids (8636) **3.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (2100) **3.30** You Choose (3181) **4.00** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (9988) **4.30** Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (1100) **5.00** Dracula (1617) **5.30** Pete and Pete (2452) **6.00** Clarissa (9365) **6.30** Roundhouse

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Global Family (3005365) **4.30** The Arctic (3001549) **5.00** Fat Man Goes Norse (7605549) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (6293742) **7.00** A Traveller's Guide to the Orient (7605278) **7.30** Earthfile (3002278) **8.00** Bush Tucker Man (7615926) **8.30** Pirates (7694433) **9.00** Elite Fighting Forces (1545346) **10.00** The Secret Life of Machines (7450704) **10.30** Terra X (7493452) **11.00-12.00** Fear in the Dark (7723656)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Good Time Girl (1945) A girl escapes from a remand home and starts on the road to ruin (2158742) **2.00pm** The Partridge Family (7999668) **2.30** Get Smart (3016839) **3.00** My Three Sons (7801723) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (3013384) **4.00** FILM: The Malpas Mystery (1960) A crook's mistress poses as the long-lost daughter of a rich former convict (3566029) **5.00** Shoot (7892075) **6.00** Hogan's Heroes (3019568) **6.30** I Spy (7129907) **7.30** The Man from Interpol (3097704) **8.00** The Avengers (1552636) **9.00** It's Garry Shandling's Show (3472013) **9.30** FILM: Fear is the Key (1972) Barry Newman is a man driven to extremes in pursuit of revenge (7870063) **11.30-12.00** The Green Hornet (2164162)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (4115452) **7.00** Living Magazine Highlights (3843029) **8.00** Days of our Lives (8581181) **8.55** Delia Smith's Summer Collection (2784094) **9.25** Mr Motivator's Mornings (2358182) **9.30** Now You See It (7999346) **10.00** Trivia Trap (6776902) **10.30** Crosswits (5969538) **11.00** Definition (4690100) **11.30** The Young and the Restless (1959433) **12.30pm** Lyn Marshall's Everyday Yoga (29910926) **12.45** Best of Kilroy (7220029) **1.30** Family Affairs (7992433) **2.00** Agony Hour (5326461) **3.00** Jayne's Living Magazine (9071100) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (81871162) **4.00** Infatuation (7650365) **4.30** Definition (7656549) **5.00** Musiquest (4562029) **5.30** Masterchef (7743029) **6.00** FILM: To Save a Child. A young woman moves to New Mexico *with her husband but his family are Satanists* (92387433) **7.35** Fame, Fortune and Romance (7077433) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (7631278) **9.00** FILM: Till Death Do Us Part. A woman and her lover murder the woman's husband (20100655) **10.50** Short Shorts (7194988) **11.00** Infatuation (4682181) **11.30** Housecalls (6101986)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm The Wonder Years (5075) **5.30** *African Skies (6810)* **6.00** *WKRP in Cincinnati* (3723) **6.30** Family Catchphrase (4075) **7.00** All Clued Up (5839) **7.30** All Together Now (6487) **8.00** Harts of the West (69810) **9.00** Neon Rider (56346) **10.00** The Pyramid Game (52181) **10.30** Newhart (41029) **11.00** Lou Grant (96162) **12.00-1.00** Remington Steele (50940)

MTV

5.00 Awake on the Wild Side (876414) **8.00** VJ (396723) **11.00** Soul (17665) **12.00** Greatest Hits (82810) **1.00pm** Summertime (70636) **3.00** Sports (2988) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (8720839) **3.45** At the Movies (8718094) **4.00** News (3577636) **4.15** Three From One (3663457) **4.30** Dial (1988) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (41075) **7.00** Greatest Hits (52520) **8.00** Most Wanted (37907) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-head (90839) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (104384) **10.15** At the Movies (109839) **10.30** News (936433) **10.45** Three From One (931988) **11.00** Party Zone (19051) **1.00am** VJ (76698) **2.00-5.00** Night Videos (5953563)

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (46655) **7.00** Asian Morning (84592) **9.00** Serial: Dastak (51075) **10.00** Hindi FILM (267033) **1.00pm** New Serial (13839) **1.30** Hindi FILM (926386) **4.30** Kiddie Time (9384) **5.00-6.00** Dedications (1636) **7.00** Mere Saath Chal with Pooja Bhatt (4181) **7.30** Alif Laila (2029) **8.00** English News (583181) **8.15** Hindi FILM (10671461) **11.15** Krishna (rpt) (714723) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (9729592) **1.35** Sight and Sound

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
Theme: Baby Talk
7.00pm A Global Affair (1964): Bob Hope finds a baby at the United Nations' building. Comedy with Yvonne De Carlo (10929043)
8.35 The Tunnel of Love (1958): A couple try to adopt a baby. Comedy with Doris Day and Richard Widmark (91383181)
10.20 The Young Lovers (1964): An art student is smitten by a trainee teacher. Drama with Peter Fonda and Sharon Hugueny (76761013)
12.20am Big City (1948): Robert Preston is one of three New York bachelors who adopt a little girl. With Danny Thomas (57409211)
2.20 Three Godfathers (1936): Three bandits find an abandoned baby in the desert (90760356). Ends at **5.00**

New-look England rally behind embattled captain

Atherton faces test of strength

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

DRAMA and derision have been regular partners for the England cricket team in recent years but the past fortnight has seen their stock plunge so low that victory in the second Cornhill Test match against South Africa, which starts at Headingley today, is not so much an ambition as a necessity.

The nation had no time to absorb an impoverished performance in the Lord's Test before the soiled hands of the captain monopolised attention. But it is as much for the need to restore faith in his team as trust in his own integrity that Michael Atherton today confronts the most important game of his life.

South Africa's victory at Lord's was every bit as overwhelming as the 356-run margin indicates and Atherton's misguided deeds and words militated with this to complete a week of untold damage for the standing of the English game. The sort of damage, in fact, that only a victory can repair.

TEAMS

ENGLAND (from): M A Atherton (capt); G A Gooch, G A Hick, G P Thorpe, A J Stewart, J P Crawley, S J Rhodes, P A J DeFreitas, D Gough, A R C Fraser, P C R Tufnell, J E Benjamin.

SOUTH AFRICA (probable): K C Wessels (capt), A C Hudson, G Kirsten, W J Cronje, P N Kirsten, J N Rhodes, B M McMillan, †D J Richardson, C R Matthews, P S de Villiers, A A Donald.

Umpires: D R Shepherd and S Dunne (NZ).

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Fraser, whose lack of adventure may cost him his place for the second Test at Headingley, appears resigned to his fate during practice yesterday

Headingley Tests tend to overdose on drama — the last draw here unaffected by rain was in 1975 and that was because the pitch was vandalised — but after beating West Indies in 1991 and Pakistan a year later, England would choose to play here ahead of Lord's. Yesterday, there were encouraging signs of a positive approach.

"Teams will often close ranks in situations like this and that is no bad thing," Atherton said. "I have sensed that process this week and I know I have the full support of the players. The important thing now is how we play. If we play as we did at Lord's we'll get beaten but if we play to our potential it will be a different story."

In an attempt to bring about the happy ending, the selectors have tinkered significantly. Only Atherton, of the specialist batsmen, will occupy the same position he did at Lord's and the bowling attack could also look very different. Philip Tufnell is certain to play — the first spin bowler England have used on this ground since 1987 — and there is the possibility that Angus Fraser will be left out in favour of Joey Benjamin.

Fraser remains utterly reliable. Paradoxically, this could be his downfall. His bowling has adopted a predictability, a lack of adventure. His length and line are generally impeccable but the need for more snap and variety has already led to some intensive sessions with Geoff Arnold, the England bowling coach.

He may yet survive but if the selectors are bold this morning there will be a debut for Benjamin in the hope that his ability to swing the ball at lively pace can add a new dimension to bowling which, with Phillip DeFreitas patently weary, looked disappointingly blunt at Lord's.

DeFreitas has had ten days' rest since then, as has Darren Gough, whose injured arm is fully recovered for his first Test on his home ground. If Atherton trusts in the quality of his strike-bowling pair he may even look to bowl first this morning, though all his instincts will warn against it.

"This is a notoriously difficult pitch to predict," he said. "It is still damp at the moment and there is sure to be some movement in the morning but if you choose to bowl first on it you have to be confident of going right through the opposition in a day. It will be at its best for batting on the second and third days."

Kepler Wessels, the South Africa captain, is certainly inclined to bat first, given the choice, and removing this limpet of a batsman will be one of England's recurring headaches. "We didn't bowl well at the left-handers, Wessels and Gary Kirsten, at Lord's," Atherton explained. "That was one of the two areas of our game that concerned me most."

Predictably, the other area was the feeble batting. "We knew how the South Africans would bowl yet we fell into their trap with a lot of loose shots outside off stump," he said.

The revised order is designed with this in mind and Graham Gooch's return to the head of the order can meet no logical argument. "Not for the first time," Atherton said, "we need Graham's runs." This, however, does not explain why Alec Stewart has slipped down to No 5 in the order, rather than filling the No 3 position for which he has often seemed a natural.

Stewart was not surprised to be told he had lost his opening place to Gooch but the extent of his drop was a different matter. "I didn't expect it," he said. "But it's their decision so I must accept it and get on with it. I want to stay in the side and if that means batting down the order, so be it."

Beneath his philosophical air must lurk confusion, if not resentment, over the preference at No 3 for Graeme Hick, whose one century in 27 Test matches compares with Stewart's seven in 41. Atherton said: "Hick looks to be playing well and has always expressed a desire to bat at three, as he does for his county. But there is no criticism from me of Alec's form or approach. People have said he plays loosely up the order but the same was said of David Gower. When it works, no one complains."

South Africa will be unchanged and Wessels has already reminded them that they were 1-0 up in both their recent series against Australia but failed to retain the advantage. Atherton, however, would do well to avoid reminding his players of another such statistic. Since 1981, England have gone 1-0 down in a series 18 times, and come back from it only once.

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Skelton's clear round raises British hopes

From Jenny MacArthur in The Hague

A SUPERB performance by Nick Skelton, on Everest Dollar Girl, in the opening round of the world show-jumping championships yesterday has put him in second place overnight. His fast, clear round helped lift the British team into fourth place after one of the closest finishes to the first round of a championships.

France, the defending champions, have a slender lead over Germany. Switzerland, helped by a breathtaking round from Markus Fuchs on Interpane Goldlights, the overnight leaders, are a point behind in third place. With less than the cost of one fence down separating the top four countries, the team event, to be decided in today's Nations Cup contest, is wide open.

Skelton's performance has improved his chances for the individual contest. The top 20 riders after today compete in Saturday's grand prix, from which the top four qualify for Sunday's final. Michael Whitaker, who had one fence down but still finished ninth, out of 86, is the only other Briton with a realistic chance of an individual medal.

Jon Doney, the British course designer, had built a piece of pure theatre for yesterday's speed competition. The 14 flower-bedecked fences all depicted aspects of Dutch life — an outsize red and blue bicycle at fence two, great silver milk churns, glinting in the sun, at five and giant, orange Gouda cheeses at eight. Most spectacular of all was the water jump, surrounded by four miniature windmills.

Though not unduly large, the course was technically demanding, with questions asked at every turn. Seven seconds were added to a rider's finishing time for a knockdown. Speed classes tend to favour the later riders and Ronnie Massarella, the team manager, put Britain's two best medal hopes — Skelton and Whitaker — third and fourth.

Kelly Brown, the least experienced member of the British team, had the disadvantage of going second on Alfredo. Unable to see how it was riding, Brown jumped in too deep at the difficult final combination, hitting the last two elements. Alfredo also had a foot in the water. "I'm very disappointed," Brown said afterwards.

John Whitaker, on the 16-year-old Everest Gammon, made one mistake at the wall, fence ten. Skelton, who intends to improve on his fourth place at the 1986 World Championships, then flew round — surviving a near mistake at the water — to go into the lead. "I intended getting to the water on five strides, but Dollar Girl intended six," Skelton said afterwards. The 14-year-old mare, who won the world's richest grand prix (£110,000) in Calgary last year, showed her ability with a nimble, short stride and then a huge leap over the water.

Ten minutes later, Skelton's time was put into perspective when Fuchs finished more than four seconds faster. "It was just his type of course," the Swiss rider said afterwards. "Not too strong, but lots of questions."

With fast, clear rounds from all the German riders and three of the French — though not from their defending world champion, Eric Navet, who is lying 71st — Michael Whitaker needed a faultless round. But, turning into fence six, he had his eye on the two fences that followed rather than the upright in front of him. The top pole fell, adding seven seconds to his time.



Skelton: in second place

"I was the only person who hit it, wasn't I?" he asked, despondently, afterwards. "I just disregarded the fence — I should have taken more time over it." But Whitaker is used to a fight. At the World Cup final in April, he was in eighteenth place after the opening speed class but finished third. And today's bigger, two-round course should suit his Dutch gelding.

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Klinsmann eases pain of Tottenham fine

By Alyson Rudd

TOTTENHAM Hotspur yesterday confirmed that the £1.5 million fine imposed on the club by the Football Association has been paid. The fine forms part of Tottenham's three-pronged punishment for making irregular payments to players. The club stressed that the payment does not affect its consideration of legal action over the FA's decision to ban it from the FA Cup as part of the punishment. Tottenham were also docked six FA Carling Premiership points.

Tottenham, however, have already begun to recoup some of that money. The £2 million signing of Jürgen Klinsmann has prompted huge demands for season tickets and, in the four working days since Klinsmann was linked to the club, over £200,000 have been invested by excited and curious supporters. Business is also booming at the club shop, where supporters are said to be buying the club's £32.99 replica shirt and then ironing on Klinsmann's name, at 75p a letter, on the back. Tottenham are expected to announce the German forward's squad number by the end of this week.

Leeds United yesterday received written confirmation from the Department of Employment that the South African striker, Philomen Masinga, has been granted a work permit. Leeds have agreed a fee of £275,000 with the Johannesburg club, Mamelodi Sundowns, for Masinga, 25.

Birmingham City have completed the signing of Mark Ward from Everton after months of negotiations. The fee for the midfield player has not been disclosed, but the Endsleigh Insurance League second division club said the entire deal will cost them £500,000 over two years. Birmingham have been chasing the former Oldham, West Ham and Manchester City man since he played in nine games on loan for them at the end of last season.

Barry Town's European Cup-Winners' Cup preliminary round tie against Zhalgiris Vilnius will go ahead at Cardiff City's Ninian Park next Thursday after all after the local council renewed the ground's safety certificate.



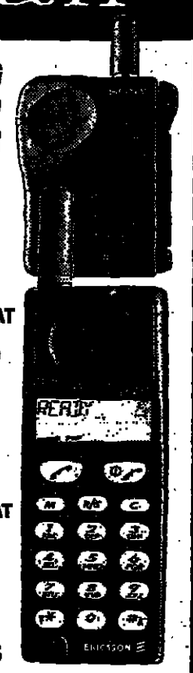
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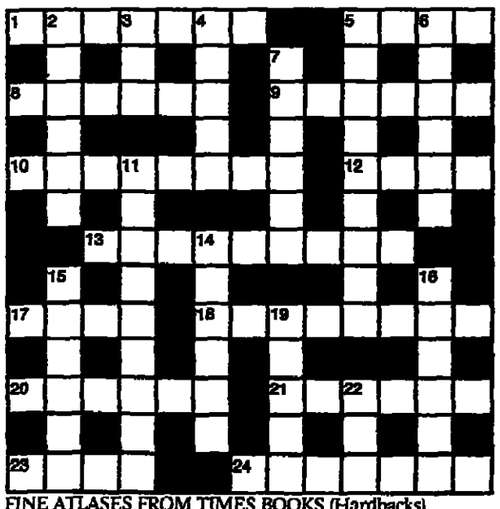
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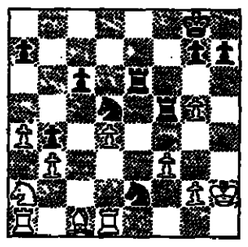
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By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Vera - Gulko, Lucerne 1993. The white pieces have gone to sleep on the queenside, allowing Black the chance for a quick kill on the other wing. How did he continue?



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By Philip Howard

BIBLICAL BODIES

BERNICE
a. A Gentile convert
b. A mixed-up lady
c. A city of the shore

KETURAH
a. Israelite dietary regulations
b. Wife of Abraham
c. A hired assassin

ACHISH
a. A sneeze
b. King of Gath
c. A defector from Moses

JAIRUS
a. One of David's generals
b. A loving father
c. A spy

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Queen Mother turns 94 with bouquets and cakes

BY ALAN HAMILTON

EIGHTY years ago today, as Britain declared war on the Kaiser's Germany, Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon was celebrating her 14th birthday at Glamis Castle, Tayside. Today, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother celebrates her 94th with a new portrait by Lord Snowdon.

If she follows form, she will appear at the gate of Clarence House, her London home, at about noon to receive the appreciation, bouquets and birthday cakes of an adoring crowd. She will then have lunch with the Queen and other members of the royal family.

The Queen Mother's diary of public engagements is much reduced but far from closed; two weeks ago she attended a service in Westminster Abbey to mark South Africa's return to the Commonwealth. When British colonies and Boer republics were formed into the Union of South Africa, she was ten years old.

There were fears for the Queen Mother's health last Christmas when she was kept indoors for two weeks at Sandringham by a cold that went to her chest. At the annual Garter ceremony at Windsor in June, for the first time she abandoned her traditional walk through the castle precincts to St George's Chapel and rode by car, helped down at the door by Commander Timothy Laurence. At least this year she managed to attend Royal Ascot, which was denied her last year by foul weather and a bad cold. She no longer takes the traditional stroll from royal box to paddock as she finds walking difficult, and leans heavily on a stick or umbrella. However, on St Patrick's Day in March she braved the chilly parade ground of Chelsea Barracks for an hour to present the Irish Guards with their shamrocks.



Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon on her 14th birthday

For all her years, she is still as peripatetic as ever. She has given up overseas tours, bowing out with a last visit to the Irish Guards in Berlin in 1991, but she still makes the annual round of her many homes.

From Clarence House, where she has lived since soon after being widowed in 1952, she is delivered by car on most Friday evenings to Royal Lodge, Windsor, where she spends regular weekends in the company of friends, often with Princess Margaret as her closest companion.

Summers still demand regular visits to Birkhall; her house near Ballater on the Balmoral estate, and to her ultimate retreat at Castle of Mey, Caithness, which she bought and restored in 1953 and which remains the only home she can properly call her own. Her great regret is that, for several years, she has no longer been able to put on her waders and do battle with the salmon in the nearby Thurso river.

Three of the Queen Mother's grandchildren have had failed marriages but she has seen two others married in the last year: Viscount Linley last October, and Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones last month. It was at Lady Sarah's wedding that her father took the portrait of the Queen Mother published today.

The Queen Mother has felt keenly the deaths of two of her closest confidantes, Sir Martin Gilliat, her former private secretary, and Ruth Lady Fermoy, her friend and a lady-in-waiting for many years.

But she will not be lonely today, and the crowds will undoubtedly show their appreciation for her making far more of the position of Queen Dowager than did any of her predecessors.



Snowdon's informal portrait, released to celebrate the Queen Mother's birthday

YEAR SHE WAS BORN

These are the events of the year Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother was born.

January: the Boer War was at its height in South Africa.
Feburary: the Parliamentary Labour Party was created.
March: fire destroyed part of the roof at Buckingham Palace.
April: Edward, the Prince of Wales, narrowly avoided a gunman's bullet in Brussels. The attacker was protesting over British involvement in South Africa.
May: Boxer rebellion in China.
June: The Reichstag approved plans to build 38 battleships as part of a German naval build-up.
Opening of the "Tuppeny Tube", London's Central Railway, running between Shepherd's Bush and the Bank.
July: Paris Olympic Games. Women allowed to compete for the first time.
Flight of the first Zeppelin airship.
August: first long-distance bus service began in Britain between London and Leeds. It took two days.
Coca-Cola introduced to Britain.
September: panic struck the Liverpool and Manchester Cotton Exchanges as cotton shortages in America forced up prices and closed Lancashire mills.
Bubonic plague hit Glasgow.
October: the Tory Party and its Unionist allies won an election with a majority of 123.
Troops returned from the Boer War to a hero's welcome.
November: death of Oscar Wilde.
Knickerbockers, backed by the Rational Dress League, became fashion craze for women.
December: Puccini's *Tosca* premiered in London.

Palaces closer to paying their way

BY JOHN YOUNG

INCOME from tourists visiting London's five historic royal palaces is expected to reach a record £25 million this year, compared with slightly less than £21 million last year and just over £18 million in 1992.

For the last five years the Tower of London, Hampton Court Palace, Kensington Palace, the Banqueting House and Kew Palace have been administered by an executive agency within the National Heritage Department.

David Beeton, chief executive of the agency, Historic Royal Palaces, said yesterday that their importance to the British tourism industry during a period of intense competition could not be overestimated. He said that they were the jewel in the crown of the industry, which is now worth some £10,000 million a year.

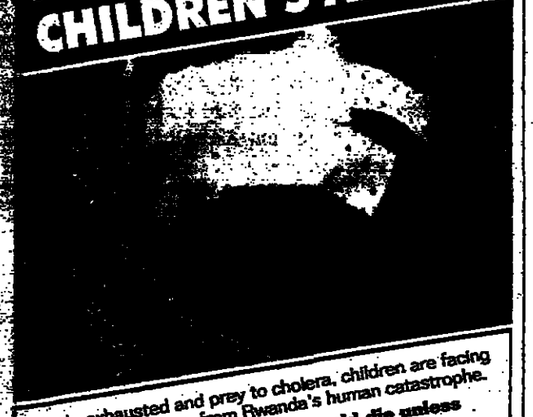
In its five years the agency had generated some £30 million in additional visitor income. When it took over, £21 million of the annual cost of upkeep was provided by the taxpayer, and only £11 million came from visitor receipts. This year the taxpayers' share would be reduced to around £8 million, and within the next four years it would account for less than a fifth of the total cost.

The agency's annual report, published yesterday, highlights the two main achievements of the past year as the opening by the Queen of the new £10 million home for the crown jewels in the Tower of London, which can accommodate 250 to 20,000 visitors a day, and the restoration of Henry VIII's state apartments at Hampton Court.

Mr Beeton said the agency's decision to adopt a commercial approach and to raise admission fees by as much as 50 per cent had been fully vindicated and showed that visitors were quite happy to pay if they thought they were getting value for money.

He said: "We have not gone down market or concentrated on simply packing people in."

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Charge for directory inquiry cut by 20p

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BT IS to cut the cost of directory inquiry calls from almost 45p to 25p from September. The reduction, which will cost BT £84 million a year, is the first in a £500 million package of price cuts that the company must make by next July to stay within its regulatory price cap.

There is to be no change in the charge for international directory inquiries and no reductions in other services were announced yesterday, but a spokesman said: "We will be making more announcements in the next couple of months."

The directory inquiries' price cut will be the first since BT imposed a charge in April 1991 in an effort to stem rapidly rising demand. Use of the service subsequently halved to 400 million calls a year, but has since recovered to 500 million.

Recent rises in use, combined with sharply reduced costs as a result of investment in new technology, had threatened to make the service embarrassingly profitable. The September price cut will return the service to break-even, the spokesman said.

Since introducing charges, BT has invested £50 million to improve quality and cut costs. Part of the money has paid for an automatic call distribution system that routes inquiries to the first available operator anywhere in the country. The rest has financed a computerised data base that allows a recorded voice to provide the number, freeing the operator to take the next call more quickly.

As a result, BT has halved the number of directory inquiry centres to 44, and cut the number of operators involved from 10,500 to 4,000. "We are passing those savings on to our customers," the spokesman said.

The company claims that 90 per cent of inquiry calls are answered within 15 seconds. The price cut will largely benefit businesses, which make up the "vast majority" of users, according to BT. Three quarters of household subscribers never use directory inquiries, the company says.

Don Cruickshank, the head of the telecoms regulatory body Oftel, was pleased that BT had made its first price cut early in the 12-month price control period, which began on Monday. "With the controlling rate of inflation at 2.6 per cent, customers can look forward to reductions in prices amounting to £400 million by July next year," he said.

The price cut was welcomed by the Telecommunications Users' Association, which had repeatedly complained that charges were too high.

"Customers did not feel they were getting value for money and these reductions are obviously more acceptable," John Skarratt, the association director, said.

BT's directory charges are now sharply below those of its chief rival, Mercury, which levies a 21p fee for connection to its own inquiry service, and then charges a premium rate of up to 48p a minute while it answers the query.

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Shaun Armstrong, who is accused of murdering Rosie Palmer, 3, is led away from Hartlepool magistrates' court yesterday after being further remanded

Granada heads anti-theft car league

BY KEVIN EASON
MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

FORD'S Granada executive car is the most secure on the market, the Consumers' Association magazine says today.

Experts from *Which?* tested 59 new cars to see how safe they would be from thieves. The Granada scored nine out of ten. The Renault 5 and Toyota's Starlet 1.3 XLi and Corolla 1.3 GLi won no points at all.

But the *Which?* team emphasised that motorists seeking a secure car did not necessarily have to spend a lot of money. Although the Granada range costs £18,000-£29,000, the best small cars, such as the Rover Metro and Ford Escort, also scored highly. Some pricey models were well down the ratings.

Many best-selling cars score badly. Police and insurance companies are concerned that some motor manufacturers are not installing enough protection equipment.

Paul Kitchen, senior editor of *Which?*, said: "England and Wales have the highest rate of car crime in the world yet many manufacturers don't seem to see security as a priority. Manufacturers must stop looking at security devices as added extras, and provide them as standard equipment. It is still possible to break into some new models in less than ten seconds," he said.

The testers judged each car on its ability to withstand an assault by a thief on the doors, bonnet, boot, fuel flap and glove box. There were points for cars with alarms and engine immobilisers approved by insurers, protected audio equipment, etched windows or visible vehicle identification numbers. Alloy wheels had to have locking nuts.

Examiners failed to break into the Granada and praised its security equipment, which includes an alarm and engine immobiliser and an inhibitor on the ignition to prevent "hot wiring". The fuel flap is connected to the central locking system, which has two locks to overcome. The locks are shielded and strengthened. The audio system is coded and the alloy wheels lock up.

Scientists call for pollution tax on petrol

BY NICK NUTTALL
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

A POLLUTION tax on cars should be levied to fund public transport, cycle routes and car-free city centres, a group of leading health and transport experts is urging.

The group believes tough measures are needed urgently to protect people from traffic fumes which are being increasingly linked with cancer, asthma and heart attacks.

Other recommendations include exhaust fumes being directed away from the roadside, speed restrictions on motorways where pollution levels are high and restricted access for heavy vehicles in towns and cities.

Dr Phil Goodwin of Oxford University's transport studies unit and a member of the



group, said yesterday that the pollution tax could be put on petrol prices, which would rise by up to four times in ten years.

The Government has promised to raise pump prices by five per cent a year to meet international targets on carbon emissions, the gases linked with global warming. Dr Goodwin said these taxes were not going to be put into public transport and other alternative forms of travelling.

The group behind the proposals is led by Dr Michael Green, chairman of the British Lung Foundation, and the ideas have been submitted to the Department of the Environment. The department is holding consultations on how to improve air quality which will issue a report in the autumn.

Driver jailed for two deaths

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A CAR salesman killed a husband and wife, aged 78 and 80, by driving at a grotesque and outrageous speed, a judge at Manchester Crown Court said yesterday.

Peter Greene, 28, of Manchester, was jailed for five years after admitting causing the deaths by dangerous driving of Albert and Edna Burgess last October. Judge Rhys Davies, QC, said Greene demolished the couple's car in a head-on crash when he lost control at 70mph in a residential road.

The judge said: "This tragedy brought grief to a family who loved these elderly people dearly . . . and they are an irreplaceable loss to the family. There is no explanation why you drove at excessive speed in such an outrageous manner."

Ian McMeekin, for the defence, said: "Greene will remember the grief he has inflicted on the Burgess family for the rest of his life."

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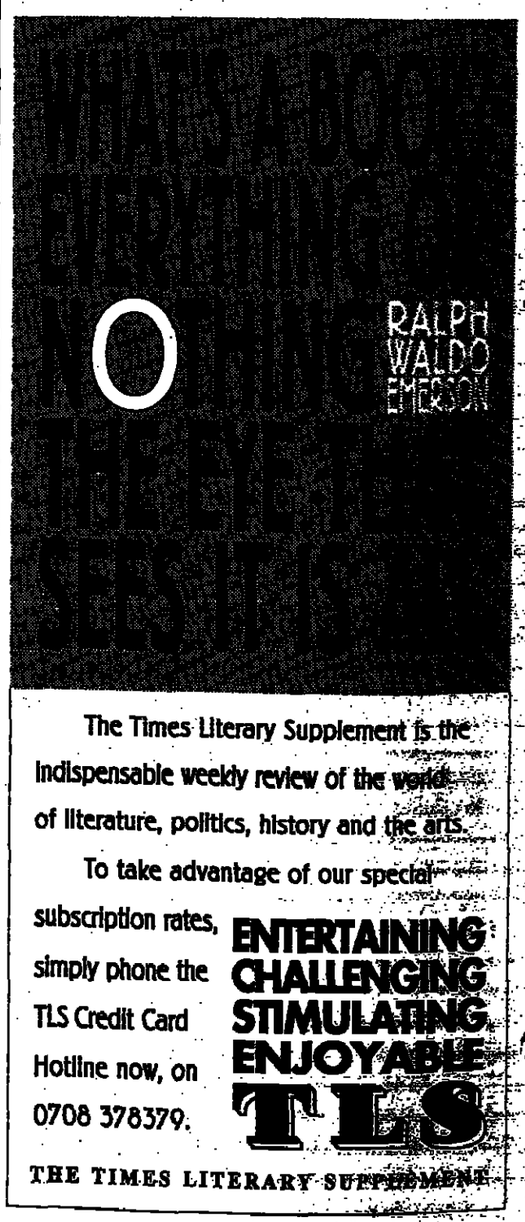
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BLAIR'S GANG

The role of the Liberal Democrats is smaller but still useful

Three founders of the Social Democratic Party think that they have finally achieved their objective: a moderate, electable, left-of-centre, non-socialist Opposition to the Conservatives. Unfortunately for them, it is not their party: their support for Tony Blair's Labour Party has infuriated the leader of the Liberal Democrats.

Paddy Ashdown still insists — with ever declining realism — that his party holds a position equidistant between Labour and the Conservatives. But each of the Gang of Four except Lord Owen has already encapsulated the feelings of many former members of their party. Lord Jenkins wrote in *The Times* that Mr Blair was "the most exciting Labour choice since the election of Hugh Gaitskell". Lady Williams then called for both parties to work towards a "common programme". And Lord Rodgers, in an interview in yesterday's *Times*, said that he hoped Labour would win the next election: "a Blair-led Labour government would be be better than a Major-led Tory government." He admitted that former members of the SDP, tired of their political backwater, would be attracted back to Labour.

These comments are particularly unwelcome to Mr Ashdown because they come only a few weeks after he drew up a strategy to highlight the differences between the Liberal Democrats and the other two parties. Caught in a classic centre party squeeze, Mr Ashdown is desperate to maintain a reason for the Liberal Democrats' existence. But his current strategy is collapsing before his eyes.

The briefest look at Mr Blair's views and Mr Ashdown's policies shows that the two parties are a hair's breadth apart; and both are some distance away from the Tories. To many members of both parties, it seems absurd that the two cannot work together as a broad, anti-Conservative front. Such a strategy would have been dangerous when Labour was led by Neil Kinnock and still scared many middle-class voters. But now the Liberal Democrats can present themselves as a potent voice of moderation, helping a moderate-minded Mr Blair to defeat Labour's left-wingers.

Mr Ashdown will undoubtedly lose many votes to Labour, providing that Mr Blair lives up to expectations. But he can hope to gain others from the Tories. Those disaffected Conservative voters whose pen hovered over the Liberal Democrat box at the last election, but who demurred for fear of letting Labour in, will be much less worried this time. They might also vote for the centre party rather than Labour as an insurance policy against Mr Blair falling victim to extremists in his party. Even at this distance from the poll, the chances of a hung parliament or an unworkably small majority for Mr Blair must be good: Labour has never won an outright working majority directly from a Conservative government.

The centre party still has a role. Without the constraints of union links and an old-fashioned membership, it can generate ideas that might find a home in a Labour administration. It can try to persuade the *country that a Lib-Lab coalition, far from* being messy, could prove more imaginative than a straight Labour majority government. It can also be critical whenever Labour strays. Mr Blair has yet to show that he can carry his party with him on his chosen course. On the day that Labour shows it is prepared to match its leader's modernity, even Lord Owen, the last and hardest to please of the Gang of Four, might follow his former colleagues back to the fold.

CURDLED JUSTICE

Turkey is wrong to try its Kurdish MPs for treason

Six Kurdish MPs went on trial in Ankara yesterday. Among other things, demands will be made of their stamina, for they face a 452-page indictment. The charge is treason, a possible sentence death, and the accused have not been given the opportunity to enter a plea in response.

This prosecution brings to Turkey no credit, highlighting instead the chasm that still separates that country from the Europe to which it aspires. The MPs belong to the Democratic Party (DEP), which is nationalist but non-violent. It has no link with PKK, the Kurdish separatists. The Turkish government's assertion that it play's the role of Sinn Fein to the PKK's IRA is spurious.

The MPs are on trial after the Grand National Assembly, to which they were elected, voted to strip them of their parliamentary immunities. Tansu Ciller, the Prime Minister, described them in April as "traitors under the parliament roof", in language that was as intemperate as it was inflammatory. The crime which the MPs committed was to canvass the recognition of a Kurdish identity, and to call for regional autonomy in the predominantly Kurdish parts of Turkey.

Astonishingly, they have been charged with treason for advocating constitutional change by parliamentary means. They will be tried by the State Security Court, an offensive relic from the days of martial law from which no appeal lies. The court can scarcely be called independent as the three judges, one of whom is an army officer, have been appointed by the government.

The problem is not only the infringement of due process; it is also the obnoxious nature of the substantive law under which charges are brought. Under Article 8 of the Anti-Terror Law of 1991, "written and oral propaganda aimed at damaging the indivisible unity of the State are forbidden, regardless of the method, intention and ideas behind them". This provision, which makes unlawful any expression of dissent from the government's Kurdish policy, is in clear violation of the European Convention on Human Rights, to which Turkey is a party.

Mrs Ciller cannot escape censure. Her position has been weakened by a faltering economy and she has sought to use nationalist rhetoric as a political support. The untimely death last year of Turgut Ozal — a rugged populist — robbed Turkey of a President who was strong enough to realise that there are ways of looking at the Kurdish question other than from behind the barrel of a gun. Mrs Ciller has broken her early promises of a more liberal attitude, in fear of the army strongmen who mastermind the government's Kurdish policy.

The hunting down of moderate politicians will leave a dangerous vacuum in the Kurdish region. The seeds of Ankara's folly have already yielded an unnerving crop: in the municipal elections held in the country in April — in which the secular DEP was unable to participate — the Islamic Refah (or Welfare) Party made substantial gains in Kurdish constituencies. Islamic groups have rushed in where moderate political parties are not permitted to tread.

Turkey, a pillar of Nato and a bridge to Central Asia, is a valuable ally for the West. Yet its disregard for human rights, and for pluralism in its domestic politics, has made an even closer relationship impossible. Turkey is due to enjoy full customs union with Europe in 1995: the Kurdish question may be the rock on which its hopes are dashed.

ORDERED RESPONSIBILITIES

The problems of appointing second class policemen

Yesterday's joint report by the Police Foundation and the Policy Studies Institute (PSI) on the role and responsibilities of the police is a welcome contribution to an emerging debate. The inquiry correctly acknowledges the enormous pressures that are now bearing down upon the police service. The increased incidence of crime since the 1950s and, more importantly, the public's perception that crime is becoming more arbitrary and more vicious have raised expectations of the police dramatically. There is, as the report notes, "an apparently insatiable demand for more policing".

At the same time, the pressure upon the police service to make economies is becoming more severe. The Government's own response has been the Home Office's review of core and ancillary police functions, which is seeking to identify those less sensitive tasks that might be contracted to the private sector. This inquiry is taking longer than expected, a fact that should encourage others to add their voices to the discussion.

The new report offers two proposals. First, it suggests new groups of unsworn police officers authorised to patrol property but unable to arrest citizens, seize property, bear arms or use criminal records. Second, the study proposes the creation of "designated" patrol officers, registered with local police and able to arrest for minor public offences. There are obvious potential advantages here of cost-saving and increasing the number of patrol officers on the beat. Nonetheless, the proposals should be approached with a healthy caution.

A two-tier system of this kind would assuredly create problems of professional identity. Accredited patrol officers, most of whom would presumably work for private security firms, would have to wear some sort of uniform which indicated their official capacity but distinguished them from the regular police. Though not an insuperable *difficulty, this blurring of responsibilities* would certainly sow confusion on the nation's streets. A citizen would find it hard to understand why a designated police officer could arrest a drunk but not a bank-robber. The protection provided by accredited patrols would often turn out to be far smaller than it seemed. Public confidence could be damaged by criminal incidents in which the most visible keepers of the peace were unable to intervene.

The questions raised by the PSI study suggest that much more thought is needed on the relationship between private and public sectors in the maintenance of law and order. The answers are more likely to be pragmatic than doctrinal. Contracting out the management of prisons is an undoubted good, for instance. But it does not follow that the Home Office should recommend ambitious contracting out of police functions. A more important task to which the Government should address itself is the regulation — or self-regulation — of the private security industry as the demand for security services grows among neighbourhood groups and businesses. A sensible start would be to give security firms greater help with their vetting procedures. A well-ordered private sector would be of far more use to the public than security guards pretending to be policemen.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Healthcare into the next century: can new forum provide the answers?

From Sir Patrick Nairne

Sir, The formation of the independent Healthcare 2000 (letter, July 29; also report and leading article), under so experienced a chairman as Sir Duncan Nichol, is to be warmly welcomed at a time when critical concern about the organisation and operation of the NHS is so intense. But a period of some nine months will be short for conducting "an open debate about fundamental issues" and publishing conclusions and recommendations which will "break new ground".

The statement in your leading article that "international, national and local guidelines are likely to emerge" raises expectations which the new forum may be unable to meet. It is also important to acknowledge realistically three inescapable factors which must inform any healthcare debate and condition any guidelines for the NHS:

1. There is no objective way of establishing a "right" level of expenditure on the NHS.

For the purpose of considering the realities of rationing within "a longer-term perspective", it will be essential to make what can only be assumptions about what future level of expenditure can be afforded and what further measures of efficiency can be achieved.

2. Whatever level is assumed to be affordable will continue to fall short of the scale of demand and require political choices to be made.

As Sir Duncan has noted, this is a continuing challenge which every government has to meet. A review of the contributions of "all participants in the process" of the health debate will help to reassess the demand in the light of their different responses to the latest medical and technological advances; but the essential decisions on priorities of services and facilities will continue to depend on political judgments and also, at the local level, on circumstances which vary from region to region.

3. There is an ethical need to regard the life of every NHS patient as of equal value.

As you have recognised, it is for the individual doctor to reach a clinical decision on what treatment is best for each patient. But how and when the patient receives treatment will depend on the NHS system within which the doctor has to work; and the forum will need to assess whether the systems of the reformed NHS are meeting the ethical need.

It is now 15 years since the Government received the comprehensive review of the Royal Commission on the NHS. If the distinguished group of Healthcare 2000 can succeed in achieving the forum's objectives, a report next spring will be timely, as the political parties come to review their healthcare policies in advance of the next general election.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK NAIRNE
(Permanent Secretary, Department of Health and Social Security, 1975-81),
Yew Tree, Chilson,
Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire.
August 1.

From Sir Raymond Hoffenberg

Sir, I welcome the initiative of Sir Duncan Nichol's group. However, it should be recalled that the main reason for the "mismatch between demand for better healthcare and the resources available" is the parsimony of spending on the NHS over the past ten or 15 years.

What was once widely regarded as a superb health system was systematically eroded by underfunding that has put our spending very close to the bottom of the OECD league. If we were to spend simply at the average OECD level, we could defer the need for serious rationing for a very long time indeed.

I am dismayed to read that the group feels an open debate is needed *now* about such fundamental issues as the delivery of services and how best they should be funded. Why didn't this take place five years ago before Mrs Thatcher so precipitately introduced her drastic and damaging so-called "reforms"?

Instead of "get ready, take aim, fire" the Government chose "get ready, fire, take aim". How sad it is that, five years down the road, Sir Duncan's group still doesn't know whether the changes "are working to the benefit of patients". Exactly who has benefited from the experiment?

Yours faithfully,
R. HOFFENBERG
(President, Royal College of Physicians, 1983-89),
2 Mulberry Court,
Field House Drive, Oxford.
July 31.

From Sir Terence English

Sir, I wonder how many other hospital specialists there were who, whilst welcoming the announcement of Sir Duncan Nichol's group to examine rationing in the NHS, were dismayed by its composition. Of the 11 members of Healthcare 2000 who signed the letter which you published, only two are doctors; one is a fund-holding general practitioner, the other a professor of academic therapeutics.

In their daily contact with patients, hospital consultants frequently face the gulf between rising demands and what is medically possible on the one hand, and the constraints of limited resources and a finite budget on the other. We are regularly exposed to the inequities of a system in which clinical priority is being increasingly distorted by the vagaries of different purchasing policies by commissioning authorities, and the lottery of whether a particular patient comes from a fund-holding practice or not.

Does Sir Duncan consider that there are no hospital clinicians capable of contributing an independent professional view to the broader issues surrounding rationing in the NHS?

Yours faithfully,
TERENCE ENGLISH
(Consultant cardiac surgeon),
Papworth Hospital,
Papworth Everard, Cambridgeshire.
August 1.

From Professor Sir Leslie Turnberg, President of the Royal College of Physicians

Sir, We welcome the Healthcare 2000 initiative and strongly endorse the need to try to develop a long-term perspective on how healthcare can best be provided.

Sir Duncan Nichol and his colleagues rightly emphasise the need not only to try to improve the efficiency with which care is provided but also the quality of that care. They also raise important questions of rationing of services and how those services can be provided optimally within the resources the public is willing and able to provide. We would add to this the need to ensure that, within a National Health Service, care for patients is provided equitably.

We shall be publishing shortly a report of our working party on "Meeting the Needs of Patients — Future Patterns of Care" which outlines the results of our work on some of the issues which Sir Duncan's group will be considering.

We have recently set up another working party to examine the question of how healthcare policy should best be developed. It is clear that there is much mutual interest here and we very much look forward to responding to Sir Duncan's call for these issues to be debated in public.

Yours sincerely,
LESLIE TURNBERG,
President,
Royal College of Physicians,
11 St Andrews Place, NW1.
August 2.

From Dr D. E. B. Powell

Sir, Sir Duncan Nichol and his colleagues are to be congratulated on their free advertisement in your letters column and your sympathetic leader. However, the announcement of their plans will do nothing to engender confidence in many of us who work in the NHS.

The number and cost of such ad hoc groups already debating these issues is incalculable. Healthcare workers are constantly subjected to invitations, or even orders, to attend symposia or courses on policy-related aspects of healthcare provision.

It is ironic that people like Sir Duncan, and several of his listed colleagues, have superintended or been most vocal on the changes that have been imposed. Now much the same network of people set themselves up as guides to further insights. The bandwagon of NHS advisers, consultants, analysts and newly created professors rolls unchecked.

Sir Duncan proclaims: "We will structure these contributions ... at a series of meetings this autumn, culminating in a report next spring ... which will break new ground ... to the benefit of users, taxpayers, political leaders and those who dedicate their lives to providing an improving healthcare service."

Not even Vivaldi could make such seasonal sequences convincing.

Yours etc,
D. E. B. POWELL,
(Consultant pathologist),
4 West Farm Close,
Ogmore-by-Sea, Mid-Glamorgan.
July 29.

Hunting the quarks

From Mr Eric Duckworth

Sir, Mr Levin is quite wrong in attributing mobile telephones, collapsible umbrellas and multi-striped toothpaste to science ("Has science lost its way?", July 29). Science advances knowledge. It is engineering which converts the knowledge into useful artifacts. It does no service to those engaged in the essential process of creating wealth through engineering activities — activities on which Mr Levin depends for all his material, and many of his spiritual, pleasures — for these achievements to be mistakenly ascribed to science.

While writers of influence persist in this error, engineers will continue to be thought of in the popular mind as boiler-suited beings who repair cars and washing machines. This image vitiates efforts to attract into the profession the imaginative, entrepreneurial youngsters who would find it so rewarding, and on whose engineering skills we depend for our industrial future.

Perhaps Mr Levin could be persuaded to write of the value, excitement and challenge of engineering as a useful change from denigrating the hunting of the quark.

Yours faithfully,
ERIC DUCKWORTH,
Orinda, Church Lane,
Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire.

From Professor E. A. Davis

Sir, Bernard Levin queries the value of quarks and, in turn, that of fundamental scientific research.

When one of our great scientists, Michael Faraday (whose portrait is featured on the back of the current £20 note), demonstrated the phenomenon of electromagnetic induction in 1831 — a discovery that led to the development of the dynamo and hence to the means for the wide-scale generation of electricity — he was asked by Sir Robert Peel, the then Prime Minister, the same question that Mr Levin poses about modern-day science, namely "What use is it?" Faraday is said to have replied: "I know not, but I wager that one day government will put a tax on it."

Fifty years later they did.

Yours faithfully,
E. A. DAVIS,
University of Leicester,
Department of Physics and Astronomy,
University Road, Leicester.

From Sir Alan Cottrell, FRS

Sir, Mr Bernard Levin asks "Can you eat quarks?" I estimate that he eats 500,000000, 000000, 000000, 000001 quarks a day. The only substantial uncertainty in this is the assumption that his appetite is about the same as mine.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN COTTRELL,
40 Maids Causeway, Cambridge.

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Fact and myth about comet hazards

From the Astronomer Royal, Professor Arnold Wolfendale, FRS, and Dr F. R. Stephenson

Sir, Nigel Hawkes ("Raining death and dark ages", July 27) appears to have misunderstood the historical record of cometary impacts. There is no doubt that comets and asteroids do strike the earth from time to time but the evidence in recorded history for anything serious which has had continent-wide effects is very scant indeed and to our knowledge none of it is accepted by historians.

In Chinese history, for instance, there is no evidence whatever to support the hypothesis of a serious impact or its effects in the 530s. The Chinese "Astronomer Royal" of the day would certainly have documented anything dramatic; he did not.

All this is not to say that there are no hazards from comets and asteroids; there are, but these are incredibly small. Nevertheless, continued vigilance will be needed, using an enhanced network of telescopes, and rocket techniques should be developed (the real "star wars") to allow an intruder to be given the necessary small angular deflection, so that it misses the earth. Such measures will surely be in place 30,000 years hence when an increased rate of comets is confidently predicted.

In the meantime let us continue to examine the historical record — but with great care and expertise.

Yours sincerely,
ARNOLD WOLFENDALE,
F. RICHARD STEPHENSON,
University of Durham,
Department of Physics,
South Road, Durham.

From Dr Oliver Dickinson

Sir, *Pace* both today's third leader ("Big bang history") and Nigel Hawkes's article, neither the destruction of Minoan civilisation nor that of Bronze Age cities at the end of the second millennium BC were "sudden".

The archaeological and (in the case of the Bronze Age) historical data are insufficient to demonstrate that they happened within the same decade, let alone the same year, as "sudden" would imply.

Indeed, Minoan civilisation cannot properly be described as being "destroyed" at all; its history is far more complicated. Catastrophes may provide nice, easy-to-understand explanations, but theories arguing for them need to be grounded in a clear appreciation of the limitations of the data.

To treat entries in chronicles, reports of folk history, and legends as if they were reliable scientific observations is to ignore the principles of source criticism on which any kind of history should be founded.

Yours faithfully,
OLIVER DICKINSON,
12 The Village, Haxby, York.
July 27.

From Mrs Penelope Meryon

Sir, Was it an omen or mere coincidence that the article on cosmic catastrophes today was printed on page 13?

Yours faithfully,
PENNIE MERYON,
235 Streetsbrook Road,
Solihull, West Midlands.
July 27.

Norwich library fire

From Mr Robert A. Graham

Sir, Monday's destructive fire at the Norwich Central Library has brought the predictable calls for increased fire protection measures in similar premises, in particular the fitting of sprinklers. As Ms Donnelly of the Data and Archival Damage Control Centre points out ("Bringing a burning issue to book at last", August 3), it is easier to restore wet material than no material.

There is little doubt that a properly designed and installed sprinkler system is very effective in controlling if not extinguishing fires in this kind of occupancy and should be included in the design of new premises. The many hundreds of existing libraries containing similar important and irreplaceable documents will take no comfort from such wisdom and hindsight, however: the costs and difficulties of sprinkler installation in most cases rule out this solution.

For them the answer lies in fire prevention, in particular avoiding ignitions arising from service installations by investing in regular checks and maintenance, not just of the installations but of the appliances connected to them.

Yours faithfully,
R. A. GRAHAM,
80 Rudgwick Drive,
Brandlesholme, Bury, Lancashire.
August 3.

Hand to mouth

From Mr Andrew Todd

Sir, The Highland Division went one better than the tank NCO who kept a chicken in the toolbox (letter, August 1). As the 2nd Seaforths' B echelon transport struggled through the surf on Sword beach in 1944, I was startled to hear the raucous cackling of hens. The regimental fitters had fixed a wire hen-coop under their vehicle with no fewer than six occupants.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW TODD
(Major, retired),
8 Springfield Close,
Potters Bar, Hertfordshire.
August 1.

Graces deadline

From Mr George J. Levy

Sir, While it is a welcome fact that heritage campaigners have raised £4.7 million of the £7.6 million needed to save Canova's sculpture of *The Three Graces* from being exported to the Getty Museum in California next Friday (report, August 1), it may not be generally known that the Treasury, in anticipation of proceeds from the National Lottery coming on stream early in 1995, has prematurely reduced this year's grant to the National Heritage Memorial Fund from £12 million to £8.6 million.

To show the Government's good faith towards the arts in a practical manner, the new National Heritage Secretary, Mr Stephen Dorrell, should immediately ask his former Treasury colleagues to reinstate £2.9 million of this grant to the Heritage Fund, thus enabling Britain to retain this masterpiece before Friday's deadline expires.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE J. LEVY,
119 Mount Street, W1.
August 1.

Labour and education

From the Headmaster of Watford Grammar School

Sir, I think I can understand why, soon after it came into office, the administration of which Lord Carlisle of Bucklow (letter, August 3) was a member should have introduced the Assisted Places Scheme. However, is such a scheme any longer necessary? After such a lengthy period of Conservative government, state schools should surely now be just as good as any independent school, leaving parents simply with the choice of paying if they wish.

Meanwhile, a school like ours, which is state-maintained, distinguished and free, feels a sense of deep insult when it receives approximately £2,000 per annum per pupil from public funds, while at the same time being expected to achieve the same results as private schools to which the Government donates £6,000 and £12,000 per pupil.

Yours faithfully,
NEIL HART,
Headmaster,
Watford Grammar School,
Rickmansworth Road,
Watford, Hertfordshire.
August 3.

Cricket and clergy

From Canon Ivor Davies

Sir, I see that the Reverend Royston Overthrow has disclaimed his suitability for the post of clerical mentor to the England cricket team (letter, July 30). In view of the bowlers' recent performance might I suggest the Reverend Stephen Seamer, listed in the current *Church Times* as our new chaplain at Liège?

Yours faithfully,
IVOR DAVIES,
Holly Cottage,
5 The Cwm, Knighton, Powys.
August 1.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 3: Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Blair Stewart-Wilson was received by The Queen upon his retirement as Deputy Master of the Household and Equerry.

His Excellency Mr Ali Lakhdari and Mrs Lakhdari were received in farewell audience by Her Majesty and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria to the Court of St James's.

General Sir John Wilsey was received by The Queen upon his appointment as Aide-de-Camp General to Her Majesty.

The Queen, Air Commodore-in-Chief, received Group Captain Michael Tinley upon relinquishing his appointment as Inspector of the Royal Auxiliary Air Force and Group Captain Richard Mighall upon assuming the appointment.

Air Commodore Sir Hector Monro, MP, Honorary Inspector General, was present.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel, this morning inspected Nijmegen Company, Grenadier Guards, on the occasion of their Formation Parade, at Wellington Barracks, London, SW1.

Captain Jonathan Walker was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 3: The Princess Royal this afternoon visited Huddersfield and was received by Colonel Alan Roberts (Deputy Lieutenant of West Yorkshire).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, opened Huddersfield Citizens Advice Bureau, 6-8 St Peter's Street.

The Princess Royal, Patron, National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, afterwards visited the Sikh Leisure Centre, Prospect Street.

Her Royal Highness, President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, later visited the Kirklees Crime Reduction Programme and the Kirklees SPLASH Summer Activities at Fartown High School and at Heritage Farm, Leeds Road.

Lady Carew-Pole was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother celebrates her 94th birthday today.

Mr James Arbuthnot, MP, 42; Vice-Admiral Sir Patrick Bayly, 80; Mr David Bedford, composer, 57; Mr William Cooper, novelist, 84; Dr Jack Cunningham, MP, 55; Sir Rustam Feroze, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 74; Professor H.L. Freeman, psychiatrist, 65; Mr E.P. Gallagher, chief executive, National Rivers Authority, 50; Sir George Godber, former chairman, Health Education Council, 86; Professor P.N. Goodfellow, geneticist, 43; Miss Georgina Hale, actress, 51; Professor Sir David Hull, Professor of Child Health, 62; Mr Martin Jarvis, actor, 53; Mrs Rachel Jones, former chairman, Broadcasting Council for Wales, 86; Mr David Lange, CH, former Prime Minister of New Zealand, 52; Professor Howard Morris, biological chemist, 48; Mr Ian Newton, headmaster, Bedales School, 48; Mr Simon Preston, organist, 56; Mr John Spalding, former chief executive, Halifax Building Society, 70; Mr Peter Squires, rugby player, 43; Sir Rodney Swiss, dentist, 90; Mr Bowen Wells, MP, 59; Sir Michael Weston, diplomat, 57.

Appointment

Mr Nicholas Hinton, Director-General of the Save the Children Fund, has been appointed Chief Executive of the Millennium Commission from October.

Latest wills

Sir Vincent Brian **Wigglesworth**, of Long Melford, Suffolk, formerly of Lavenham, left estate valued at £773,834 net.

Sir Reginald Michael **Hadow**, of Ashford Hill, Hampshire, former British Ambassador to Israel and Argentina, left estate valued at £363,524 net.

Mrs Mary Caroline **Moorman**, of North End, Durham, the biographer of William Wordsworth, and widow of the Right Rev J R H Moorman, the distinguished ecclesiastical historian and later Bishop of Ripon, left estate valued at £441,309 net.

Mrs Doris Kathleen **Child** of Whitminster, Gloucestershire, formerly of Purlieu Farm, Lydney, left estate valued at £779,244 net.
She left 1/3rd of her estate to the Sue Ryder Foundation, and 2/3rds to her Trustees to distribute among charities dealing with research into the causes of cancer and the treatment of people suffering from cancer.

Miss Joan Mary **Francis**, of Stoke Bishop, Bristol, left estate valued at £651,067 net.
She left one quarter of her estate to the Salvation Army, half to be used to help children in Camden, London, and half to help the elderly in Bristol, and one eighth of her estate each to the RNLI, NSPCC, Distressed Gentlefolks Aid Association, the RNID, for young children, the Bristol Children's Help Society and the Cats' Protection League.

Recent estates include (net before tax):
Mr Michael Anthony **Pybus**, of Corbridge, Northumberland £634,099
Mr Sidney Edward **Taylor**, of Gatley, Greater Manchester £646,906

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Tradescant, gardener, Meopham, Kent, 1608; Edward Irving, founder of the Catholic Apostolic Church, Dumfries, 1792; Percy Bysshe Shelley, poet, Field Place, Horsham, Sussex, 1792; Walter Pater, critic, Shadwell, London, 1839; W.H. Hudson, writer and naturalist, near Buenos Aires, 1841; Knut Hamsun, novelist and poet, Nobel laureate 1920, Lam, Norway, 1859; Sir Harry Lauder, music hall entertainer, Edinburgh, 1870; Sir Osbert Lancaster, writer, London, 1908.

DEATHS: Simon de Montfort, Earl of Leicester, killed at the Battle of Evesham, 1265; William Cecil, 1st Baron Burghley, statesman, London, 1598; John Bacon, sculptor, London, 1799; William Aytoun, poet, Elgin, 1865; Hans Christian Andersen, story-teller, Copenhagen, 1875; Baron Carl Auer von Welsbach, chemist and physicist, Treibach, Austria, 1929; Rodney (Gypsy) Smith, evangelist, on board the *Queen Mary* en route for Florida, 1947; Roy Thomson, 1st Baron Thomson of Fleet, newspaper proprietor, 1976.

The Red Cross Society was founded in Britain, 1870.

Britain declared war on Germany, 1914.

Britain's first supersonic fighter plane, the P-1 English Electric Lightning, made its maiden flight from Boscombe Down, 1954.

Britannia Royal Naval College

Admiral Sir Benjamin Bathurst, Chief of the Naval Staff and First Sea Lord, took the salute at a Passing Out Parade held on July 28 at Britannia Royal Naval College (Captain S Moore, Royal Navy).

The following officers passed out:

Naval College Entry, Seaman
Midshipmen A D Ball, N Borbone, J D Gould, I D M Hutchins, R A Osbaldestin, A S Williams

Naval College Entry, Engineer
Midshipmen M J Bartlett, J A Cartwright

Naval College Entry, Supply and Secretarial
Midshipman J A Edgar

Direct College Entry, Seaman
Sub Lieutenants C P Atkinson, P R Beacham, K A Cahill, D V Codling, N L Cullen, A S Dowdeswell, L J Govan, M J Jasper, A J Killick, T A H Kirkwood, N L C Kyle, A J Loveridge, N J Lucocq, J E McWilliams, L C Murison, R M Russell, S L Spooner, R H Tacey, I J Williams

Direct College Entry, Engineer
Sub Lieutenants F J Dalton, S L Malkin, G S Stewart

Direct College Entry, Instructor
Lieutenants J Citrine, T O Flanagann, C E L Leaver, S J Lewis, N L McMullan, D J Rouse, A J Thompson

University College Entry, Seaman
Midshipmen J Brotton, M L Dodds, M R E Johnson

University College Entry, Engineer
Midshipman A L Cross

74 Flight Observers
Sub Lieutenants C J H Barber, A McLennan, A M O'Leary, A Smith, I Stubbs; Midshipmen R J Full, N J D Smith

75 Flight Pilots
Sub Lieutenants S J Canning, M K Day, J R Mitchell, A H Watson; Midshipmen D J Denham, P J Noon, I J Sharrocks

75 Flight Observers
Sub Lieutenants K J Fletcher, B C Hodgson, D J R Pass, A S Richards; Midshipmen T D Beale, A R McWilliams

75 Flight Air Traffic Control
Midshipmen S J Maunder, K Temple

Special Duties Course 58
Sub Lieutenants C D Barraclough, I K Bellingham, J W Bower, M C Collins, P W Collins, K S Corkett, T E Magill, P A McDermott, P A McEvoy, K I Morris, D J Potter, M E Rowan, H P Southwell, R Strudwick, J P Taylor, L D Vowles, D J Whild, J H Young

International Midshipmen
Midshipmen Abdullah Al Balushi, Ali Mohammed Al Yamahi, Amzon Sain, Amor Musallam Al Tabuk, Bader Abdul Al Zaabi, Chalum Somabha, Choh Chun Min, Faisal Abdullah Al Abri, Feisal Awad Abu Al Sundus, Humaid Mohammed Al Suwaidi, Jassim Mohd Ammed Al Rashid, Khalifa Ahmed Al Mahrazi, Khalil Al Baloushi, J T Lawaniyasana, Lee Ju Win, Mohammed Salem, Mohsin Suleman Alhinai, Tariq Habib, Tariz Salim Al Muhairi, S Walker.

Royal Society of St George

The following have been appointed officers of the society:
Deputy Chairman, Mrs M. Mavis Linton; Vice-Chairman, Mr W.R. Firth; Hon Registrar, Mr C.E.S Horsford; General Secretary, Mr J.D. Stanton.

Church in Wales

The Rev John Hugh Conwy Davies, Rector of the Wickenby group of parishes (diocese Lincoln), to be Rector of Denbigh with Nantglyn (diocese St Asaph).

MARTIN KEENE



Members of the newly formed Nijmegen Company, Grenadier Guards, march past their Colonel, the Duke of Edinburgh, at Wellington Barracks, before mounting guard at Buckingham Palace for the first time

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Keith Dennis, Assistant Curate, Bushbury Team Ministry: to be Priest-in-charge, Newcastle St George (Lichfield).
The Rev Christopher Foster, Vicar, Southgate, Christ Church (London): to be Residentiary Canon and Sub Dean of the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban (St Albans).
The Rev Christopher Halliwell, Curate, The Mildenhall Team Ministry: to be Rector, Wrentham w Covehithe w Benacre, Frostenden, South Cove and Henstead w Hulver (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).
The Rev Canon Nigel Harley, formerly Vicar and Rural Dean of Eastleigh: to be Assistant (part time) to the Bishop of Winchester, succeeding Mr Colin Peterson who is retiring.
The Rev John Horner, Assistant Curate, Ashford, Christ Church (Canterbury): to be Assistant Curate, Hatfield (or Bishop's Hatfield) (St Albans).
The Rev Canon Anthony Lathe, Vicar, Heigham St Thomas and Ruran Dean of Norwich South: to be Priest-in-charge, St Peter's, Sheringham (Norwich).
The Rev Jonathan Hutchinson, NSM, diocese St Edmundsbury and Ipswich: to be Vicar, Thorington w Wenhaston, Bramfield and Walberswick, same diocese.
The Rev Alan Jones, Incumbent, West Bromwich St Francis - Friar Park: to be Incumbent, Ettingshall (Lichfield).
The Rev Paul Longbottom, Vicar, St William and St David, Chatham: to be Vicar, St Peter w St Paul, Shorne, and Diocesan Director of Ordinands (Rochester).
The Rev Graham Newman, Vicar, Warkworth w Acklington: to be Vicar, Haltwhistle and Greenhead (Newcastle).
The Rev Elias Polomski, Assistant Curate, Headington Quarry, Holy Trinity (Oxford): to be Chaplain, The Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban (St Albans).
The Rev Dr John Rothwell, Curate, Malvern Link w Cowleigh: to be Rector, Bowbrook North within the Bowbrook Group Ministry (Worcester).
The Rev Derrick Stiff, Rector, Sudbury: St Gregory w St Peter and Chilton and Minor Canon of the Cathedral, diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich: to be Priest-in-charge, St Peter and St Paul, Lavenham, same diocese.
The Rev Jefferies Stratton, Vicar, Potters Bar: to be Priest-in-charge (NSM), Flamstead (St Albans).
The Rev Ross Terranova, Curate, Emmanuel, Stoughton (Guildford): to be Rector, St Peter ad Vincula, Ditton (Rochester).
The Rev Hilary Wakeman, Team Vicar, Norwich-over-the-water Team Ministry and Proctor in Convocation, diocese Norwich: to be *also* an Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral.
The Rev Steve Walton: to be Domestic Chaplain to the Bishop of St Albans (St Albans).
The Rev Geoffrey Webster, Rector, St John's, Gateshead Fell: to be Priest-in-charge, St James, Hamsterley and Officiating Minister of St Philip and St James, Witton-le-Wear (Durham).

Resignations and retirements
The Rev Graham Atkins, Incumbent, Hinstock w Sambrook (Lichfield): to retire as from August 31.
The Rev David Horn, Vicar, St James, Aston (Birmingham): to resign as from August 8.
The Rev Gordon Thompson, Vicar, St Olave, Mitcham (Southwark): to resign as from September 30.
The Rev Bryan Vickery, Vicar, St Luke, Kingston-upon-Thames (Southwark): to resign as from September 30.
The Rev Keith Wilkes, Canon and Provost of Denstone (Woodard Corporation) (Lichfield): to retire as from August 31.

Other appointment
Dr Janet Hodgson, USPG, Field Worker in Training in World Mission, dioceses of Oxford and St Albans, and Partnership Adviser for Southern Africa: to be Diocesan Adviser in Local Mission in the diocese of Durham.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.A. Beck
and Miss A.M. Lorberg
The engagement is announced between Stephen, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Beck, of Midhurst, Sussex, and Alison, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Lorberg, of Orpington, Kent.

Mr A.D. Cargill
and Miss K.L.M. Lewis
The engagement is announced between Alastair, son of Mr Alan Cargill, of Knapton, Norfolk, and Mrs Gillian McBurney, of Aldeburgh, Suffolk, and Katherine, daughter of Mr Christopher Lewis, of Ingworth, Norfolk, and Mrs Jane Lewis, of Edingthorpe, Norfolk.

Mr J.P. Flory
and Miss J.R. Erskine
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Flory, of Wheathamstead, Hertfordshire, and Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald Erskine, of Cleish, Kinross.

Mr C.C. Lewis
and Miss E.V.Y. Dobson
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Major Charles Lewis, retd, and Mrs Lewis, of Wilton, Wiltshire, and Emma, daughter of Mrs Ralph Clarke, of Foxearth, Suffolk and of the late Major Edward Young Dobson.

Mr J.R. Pinniger
and Miss N.M. Delaney
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr Robert Pinniger and the late Mrs Irene Pinniger, of Roussillon, France, and Naomi, daughter of Mr Edward Delaney and the late Mrs Rosina Delaney, of Kidlington, Oxfordshire.

Mr I.M. Holmes
and Miss J.C.M. Davies
The engagement is announced between Iain, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Holmes, of Christleton, Chester, and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Davies, of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire.

Mr R.I. Payne
and Miss B.K. Brown
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs C. Payne, of Molesey, Surrey, and Barbara Keith, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.C. Brown, of Nashville, Tennessee.

Mr I.J.F. Royle
and Miss T.C. Gordon
The engagement is announced between Ivan, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Timothy Royle, of Icomb, Gloucestershire, and Tanya, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Gordon, of Little Rissington, Gloucestershire.

Mr C.C.M. Ward
and Miss S.V.B. Jones
The engagement is announced between Christopher Charles Maxwell, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Charles Ward, of Chepstow, Gwent, and Sally Victoria Bosanko, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy L. Jones, of Singapore.

Marriage

Mr A. Gold
and Ms A. Friesian
The marriage took place in Edinburgh on Saturday, July 30, of Mr Adam Gold to Ms Alison Friesian. The Rev O. MacDonald officiated.

The reception was held at Togeham House and the honeymoon will be spent in Switzerland and Boston.

Historic First World War flag flies again

BY JOHN YOUNG

A UNION Jack which flew over the signing of the Armistice in the Forest of Compiègne on November 11 1918 is to go on public display this summer.

It has been stored in a church since the end of the First World War, and will be displayed for the first time at an exhibition in Leeds town hall from August 22 to September 23.

The exhibition, *Britons at Home and Abroad 1914-1918*, is one of nearly 30 being staged in and around the city to mark the 80th anniversary of the outbreak of the war today.

Other displays include books, paintings, gramophones and records, maps, newspapers and posters, photographs and cartoons, covering subjects from the war poets to the Battle of the Somme and from model soldiers to Yorkshire cricketers between 1914 and 1918.

An accompanying international conference from September 7 to 10 will be addressed by historians, academics and writers from all over the world.

Peter Liddle, whose extensive collection of letters, diaries, photographs and other memorabilia is housed at Leeds University, rejected the idea that, after this year's 50th anniversary of D-Day, the public might be sated with wartime history.

It was time, he said, to dispel some of the generalisations and popular myths about the First World War and the disillusion and despair it created. "My interpretation is that ordinary people coped much more resiliently, and that morale remained much higher than is widely supposed," he said.

This was a last chance to gather together some of the survivors, the youngest of whom were now in their nineties. "I am still interviewing some of them, and spoke to one man of 103 only last week," he said. "One survivor is coming here all the way from Kenya."

Mr Liddle said he had recently acquired two letters addressed to the Adjutant of the Royal Flying Corps in August 1914 from a Mr F.W. Rosser, a motor and cycle engineer in Forest Gate, east London, enclosing suggestions for vertical take-off and pilotless torpedo aircraft. In his reply, the corps' commanding officer thanked him for his ideas but added that he feared there would be great difficulties in carrying them out "and one must try and keep to ideas that can be made use of at once".

Other events during the week beginning September 3 will include films, concerts, poetry readings, dances, military displays and re-enactments of troops leaving for the front, convoys of wounded being taken to hospital, the arrest of a conscientious objector, and police and firemen dealing with the aftermath of a Zeppelin air raid.

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BIRTHS

BARTON - On August 2nd at the Wellington Hospital, to Vanessa (née Wickham) and Laurence, a son, Oliver David Laurence, a brother for Jack.

DIGBY-BAKER - To Hugh and Sarah (née Shalcross) at home on July 22nd 1994, a son, Oliver, a brother for Sam.

GOODMAN - On August 1st at the Wellington Hospital, to Corrine (née Lubick) and Jopothan, a son, Alexander, a brother for Sam.

GOODRIDGE - On 26th July 1994, to Amanda (née Standing) and Paul, a beautiful daughter, Emily.

HEGGLIN - On July 26th at the Wellington Hospital, to Wendy and Danny, twin boys, Pascal and Domenico, brothers to Federica.

HOBSON - On 2nd August 1994, to Toni (née Gill) and Christopher, a beautiful daughter, Elizabeth Victoria.

HOCKNELL - On July 30th, to Anna (née Bruce) and Edward, a daughter, Catherine Elisabeth, a sister to Henrietta.

KIRRAGE - On 3 August at the Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong to Peter and Caroline (née Harper) a son, Thomas Alec Harper Kirrage.

LESCHALLAS - On July 29th, to Emma (née Hundable) and William, a son, Henry Oliver Pigé.

LINDSAY - On 1st August, to Janet and Michael, a bonny daughter, Annabel Elizabeth, a sister for Alexander.

LISSACK - On 25th July at Salisbury District Hospital, to Carolyn (née Aycott) and Richard, two precious daughters, Holly Victoria Dare and Lucy Barbara Dare.

MARSHALL - On July 6th 1994, to Magda (née Wieczorek) and Huw, a daughter, Janina Megan.

McCREADY - To Jennifer Goard and John McCready, a beautiful daughter, Hannah Emily Jennifer, on 28th July 1994.

BIRTHS

REPARD - On August 2nd, to Jennie (née Churchill) and James, a son, George.

WAND - On July 24th 1994, to Julie (née Savage) and Jon, a son, Thomas William, a brother for Richard and Katie.

WEBB - On 24th July 1994, to Sarah (née Kleft) and Anthony, a son, Piers, a brother for Camilla and Guy.

DEATHS

ALEXANDER - On July 28th 1994, Agnes Isabel (Nan) of Bramfield, Suffolk. Funeral Service at St Andrews Church, Bramfield, on Monday 8th August at 12.45pm, followed by private cremation. Immediate family flowers only, but donations if desired for The Arthritis and Rheumatism Council c/o Woolnoughs Funeral Service, The Chapels, Holton Road, Halesworth, Suffolk.

ASTERLEY - D.A.N. On Saturday 23rd July, peacefully at home after a short illness. Much respected and loved Headmaster of Aymestrey School, Worcester 1938-1966. Cremation private (by his wish). Memorial and Thanksgiving Service at Aymestrey School on Saturday 3rd September at 11.30 am to which all are welcome. Please advise Aymestrey School if you intend to be present. (0905) 425619.

BUGGÉ - On 1st August, peacefully at The Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, Annette S.P. aged 69 years, of Bramley, Surrey. Beloved wife of the late Prof L. Buggé and mother of David and Karen. Funeral Service to take place on Tuesday August 9th at the City of London Cemetery at 2pm. Flowers may be sent to Crauleigh Funerals, Sussex House, Ewhurst Road, Cranleigh.

DEATHS

CAMPBELL - On 1st August 1994, peacefully in her sleep, in Edinburgh, Dr. Grace Campbell, aged 96 years, formerly of Wormsley, Herfordshire, and latterly of Inverleith Terrace, Edinburgh, daughter of the late James and Grace Campbell. The funeral, private at her own wish, has already taken place.

CORNFORTH - On 31st July, Dulcie Kathleen, widow of Harry, daughter of Samuel-Isaac Titley and Norah Titley. Private cremation.

EDGLEY - On August 3rd 1994, peacefully, Maurice Trevor in his 84th year. For 59 years dearly loved husband of Ann, loving father of David and Tony and their wives Rosie and Jan and grandfather to Richard and Robert. The service will take place on Wednesday 10th August at 12.30 pm at the Guildford Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for The Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice c/o Pinnens Funeral Services, Mary Road, Guildford, tel: (0483) 67394.

GOLDSMITH - On August 2nd, suddenly in hospital, David. Beloved husband of Mary, adored father of Jennifer, grandfather of Robin, Madeleine, Oliver, friend and brother of Beryl. He will be missed forever. Funeral private, no flowers, no letters please. Donations, if desired, to the RAF Benevolent Fund, 67 Portland Place, London W1.

HEYES - Thomas, beloved husband of Jean. Change of time for service now 11 am at Woking Crematorium, Friday 5th August. No flowers. Memorial Service to be arranged.

HIDDLESTON - On 2nd August, peacefully at Rookwoods, Sible Hedingham, Essex. Helen, widow of James Hiddleston and dearly loved mother of Evelyn, Margaret and Jim. Funeral Service at St Nicholas, Castle Hedingham, on 11th August at 11 am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Age Concern (may be sent to Rookwoods).

DEATHS

HUGHES - On August 1st 1994 at HRH Princess Christian Hospital, Windsor, after a long and very courageous fight, Stanley, known as Bill to his countless friends around the world, deeply beloved husband of Maud, and wonderful father to Mark and Ruby, who knew him as Pappy. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Iver, Berks., on Monday August 8th at 12.15 pm, followed by committal at Slough Crematorium. All enquiries please to E. Sargeant & Son, Funeral Directors, 61 St Leonards Road, Windsor (tel: 0753-865982).

JENNER - On Tuesday August 2nd, peacefully at home, Margaret Dorothy (née Wise), widow of Fl. Jack Jenner. Beloved mother of Bill and Pete and a loving grandmother. Funeral Mass at St Mary's Church, Sheet, near Petersfield, Hants., on Friday August 5th at 10.30am. Garden flowers only or donations to Christian Aid c/o Funeral Services (Petersfield) Ltd., 19 The Square, Petersfield, Hants. GU32 3HR. (0730) 262711. Service in celebration of her life at St Mary's Church, Sheet, at 12 noon on Saturday September 10th 1994.

KEANE - On August 2nd 1994 peacefully in Yeovil Hospital, Helen Louise aged 89 years, formerly of St Andrews, Mere, Wilts. Beloved mother of Prisarose and the late Michael Hinsely, dearest stepmother of Anthea. Widely loved, she never ceased to enchant and astonish her friends and family. Funeral at The Church of St Mary, Motcombe, Dorset, on Monday August 8th at 2.15pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired for the N.S.P.C.C. or The Leukaemia Research Fund may be sent to Bracher Brothers F/D, Gillingham, Dorset, SP8 4QL. tel: (0747) 822494.

LEE - Hardy Campbell aged 84, husband of Phyllis Hepburn Lee, on July 30th at Arthur Rank House, Cambridge, after a long illness borne without complaint. Funeral private.

DEATHS

LEIGH - On August 1st, peacefully at home, Sir Neville Egerton Leigh K.C.V.O., aged 72, a loving husband, father and grandfather and formerly Clerk of the Privy Council.

McPHERSON - Barbara Constance (née Mott, 26th August 1904), died peacefully on 2nd August 1994 at Summerlands Hospital, Yeovil. Much loved widow of Ronald McCallum McPherson, mother of Malcolm and grandmother of Charlotte. Service at Yeovil Crematorium, 12.30 pm 8th August 1994. Donations rather than flowers to Yeovil MacMillan Somerset Oncology Appeal c/o Tom Baker, PO Box 260, Taunton, TA3 7PZ.

MILLAR - Shanklin and late of Ballinlee, Dublin) August 2nd 1994, peacefully at home, Bill, beloved husband of Diana and dear father of Catherine and Richard. Sadly missed by all his family.

MOYNIHAN - Dr. Sheila on 31st July, widow of Dr. John. At peace after a long battle. Memorial Service at St Mary's, Ashwell, at 11.30am on Wednesday 24th August. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Ashwell Medicaid Fund c/o Aubrey Wright, Steeple Morden, Royston, Herts.

NEVILLE - Sir Richard 3rd Baronet. Died peacefully at home after a short illness on August 2nd. Funeral Service at St Bartholomew's Church, Sloley, on Monday August 8th at 2 pm. No flowers by request but donations for St Bartholomew's Church may be sent c/o Broadland Funeral Services, 98 Norwich Road, Wroxham, Norwich NR12 8TG.

NORMAN-HOTT - On August 1st after a long illness borne with typical courage and elan Maud beloved wife of Peter and dearly loved mother of Philippa, Arabella, Nicholas and Jeremy. Funeral Service in Winchester Cathedral on Tuesday August 9th at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Enquiries to JNO Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester. Tel: 0962 844044.

DEATHS

NURSAW - On 2nd August, peacefully, William George, F.C.I.S., A.C.I.I. Member of the Pen Club. Born 5th September 1903.

PERCY - Suddenly on 1st August, Henry Hector. Cremation service at Surrey and Sussex (Worth) Crematorium, 2.30 pm on Friday 5th August. Memorial Service, St Peter's Church, Limpsfield, Surrey, 2.30 pm on Monday 8th August. Enquiries to Ebbutt Funeral Services, High Street, Limpsfield, Surrey, RH8 0DR. tel: (0883) 713767.

PHILLIPS - On July 29th died suddenly whilst on business in Cairo, Jerry, aged 68. Beloved husband of Penny and adored father of Samantha, Paul and Peter. Terribly missed by all who knew him. Funeral to be held at the Church of St. Peter's and St. Paul's, Buckingham at 1:30pm on Tuesday, 9th of August, Interment to follow at Buckingham Cemetery. Floral tributes may be sent to Heritage & Sons Ltd., Funeral Directors, 1a Brime Hill, Buckingham.

REINHOLD - On 2nd August 1994, peacefully after a courageous fight against cancer, Marian (née Painter), beloved wife of Gordon, very much loved mother of Sue and Blaide, stepmother of Michael and devoted grandmother of Sarah, James and Elisa. Private cremation for immediate family only. Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Church, Dinton, on Tuesday 9th August at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired may be sent to The Wessex Cancer Trust Radiotherapy Appeal, 11 Westwood Road, Southampton SO2 1DL.

ROBERTSON - On August 2nd 1994 at Clarence Nursing Home, Tunbridge Wells, Joan wife of the late Lt. Colonel Donald Robertson and much loved mother of Mary. Family funeral service at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium.

DEATHS

STANCIOFF - On July 30th, peacefully in France, Carolyn Marion Mitchell aged 90, wife of the late Ivan Robert Stancioff. Funeral Service at St Ignatius Loyola, Urbana, Maryland, on August 20th. No flowers, donations to "The Catholic Worker", 36 East First Street, NY 10003.

STANTON-IFE - Douglas (I.C.S. retired) at home on 2nd August 1994. Beloved husband of Turid, devoted father of Peter, John and Anne-Marie. The private funeral service will take place at the Oxford Crematorium. A Thanksgiving Service will take place at a later date. Enquiries to Reeves and Pain, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford, tel: (0865) 242629.

TURNER - On July 29th 1994, John. Funeral Service at St Mary Magdalene Church, Sherborne, on Monday August 8th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Bourton Red Cross.

WALTER - Norman Sydney. Dearly loved husband of Jane and father of Julian, Martin, Derek and Andrew, died suddenly on holiday on Saturday July 30th 1994, aged 77 years. The funeral service will be held at St Bartholomew's Church, Quorn, Leics., on Monday August 8th at 11 am followed by cremation at Loughborough. Family flowers only by request, donations in lieu if desired for Christian Aid (cheques payable to Christian Aid please), c/o G. Gamble & Sons Funeral Directors, 101A Meeting Street, Quorn, near Loughborough, Leics., tel: (0509) 416415.

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